

**WAC 434-112-110 Apostille certification of documents.** (1) The division will provide apostille certification pursuant to RCW 43.07.032 and standard protocols under the Hague Conference 1961 Apostille Convention.

(2) The division can provide apostille certification for certified government documents from the state of Washington and its political subdivisions, including state agencies, courts, institutions of higher education, public school systems, and county and municipal government offices.

(3) The division can provide apostille certification for documents properly notarized by a licensed Washington notary, subject to RCW 43.07.032.

(4) The division will not provide apostille certification for documents notarized by an out-of-state notary.

(5) Documents issued by a government of another state, territory, or nation, or by the United States federal government or the United States military will not be apostilled by the secretary of state. Apostilles should be sought from the government which holds the original record or document.

(6) The division will not provide apostille certification of records recorded with county auditors or other political subdivisions of the state of Washington if the underlying document cannot be apostilled pursuant to subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 11.110, 18.100, 19.77, 19.09, 23.86, 23.90, 23B.01, 24.03, 24.06, 25.10, 25.15, 43.07, and 46.64 RCW. WSR 23-18-053, § 434-112-110, filed 8/31/23, effective 10/1/23.]