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SECRETARY OF STATE
Authentications Unit
P O Box 13550
Austin, TX 78711-3550
512-463-5705
Document Fee: \$10 (up to \$100 per child)



**ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS—
REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL
CERTIFICATE OR APOSTILLE**

Requesting Family

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Have you made a prior authentication request for use in the same adoption proceedings?

Yes No If YES, Customer ID Number: _____

Number of Children Adopting: _____ Name(s): _____

Consulate/Embassy/Country Where Document(s) Will Be Presented: _____

For Certified Records

Type of Record: _____

For Notarized Documents

Name of Notary: _____

Date Commission Expires: _____ Number of Certificates/Apostilles Requested: _____

Execution

I certify that the requested authentication(s) is(are) for use in adoption proceedings for one or more children.

Date: _____

Signature of Requestor

Instructions

- *Fee.* The fee for an official certificate or apostille for use in a proceeding relating to the adoption of one or more children is \$10 per certificate or apostille up to \$100 per child. Fees may be paid by personal checks, money orders, LegalEase debit cards or American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa credit cards. Checks or money orders must be payable through a U.S. bank or financial institution and made payable to the secretary of state. If paying by credit card, fees are subject to a statutorily authorized convenience fee of 2.7 percent of the total fees, and Form 2101 must also be included.
- *Multiple Requests.* When requesting two or more certificates or apostilles, remit one payment for the total amount. You must complete a separate form for each public official or notary public.
- *Materials and Return of Documents.* The complete, original, certified record or notarized document to be authenticated must be submitted with this form. If the authentication request concerns a translation, the complete document includes both the notarized translation and the document being translated. *The document, fees, and form must be submitted with an appropriately sized self-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope for return of documents.*
- *Delivery.* Materials may be delivered by mail to P.O. Box 13550, Austin, Texas 78711-3550 or by overnight mail to the physical address: Secretary of State, Authentications Unit, 1019 Brazos St., Austin, TX 78701. Walk-in service is also accepted at the physical address Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.