



APOSTILLE CERTIFICATION OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTS FOR USE ABROAD

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Legal basis: **Decree 293/2026/ND-CP** guiding implementation of the Apostille Convention

Which countries accept Vietnamese documents bearing an Apostille?



STATES PARTY TO THE APOSTILLE CONVENTION WITH treaty relations in force with Vietnam

APOSTILLE CERTIFICATION

Article 5.3.a, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP

STATES NOT PARTY TO THE APOSTILLE CONVENTION Or party to it but with NO treaty relations in force with Vietnam

CONSULAR LEGALIZATION AS AT PRESENT

Articles 5.3.b and 35.2, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP

The list of Convention States having treaty relations in force with Vietnam is updated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and published on the Ministry's web portal and the National Public Service Portal (Article 30.5, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

This list has not yet been published

Several States party to the Apostille Convention have objected to Vietnam's accession, so no treaty relations are in force with Vietnam, for example:

- Germany: objection dated 20/5/2026
- Austria: objection dated 19/6/2026
- Czechia: objection dated 2/7/2026

SCOPE

Which documents may be issued an Apostille?

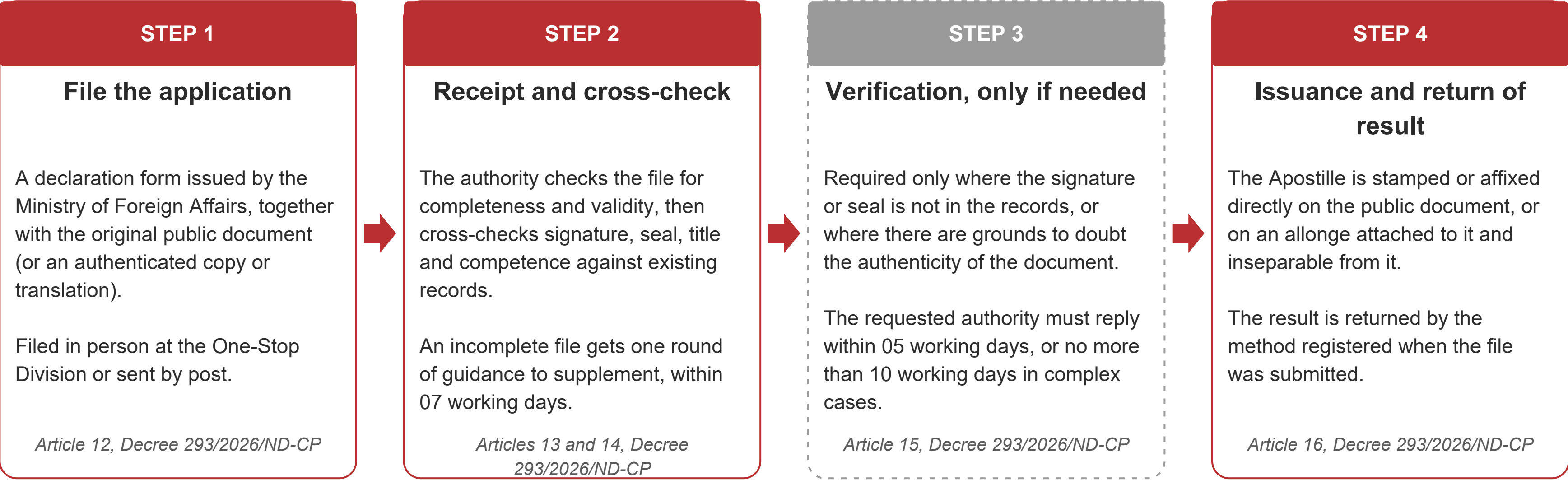
GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5
Procedural and enforcement documents	Administrative documents	Notarized documents	Authenticated documents	Other public documents
Judgments, decisions and procedural documents of Courts, Procuracies and investigation bodies; documents of judgment enforcement agencies; records of bailiffs	Civil status, nationality and adoption papers; judicial record certificates; diplomas, certificates and academic transcripts; health check and medical documents	Contracts, transactions, translations and copies notarized under the law on notarization	Authentication of copies from originals; authentication of signatures and translators' signatures; authentication of contracts and transactions	Documents made, issued or certified by competent Vietnamese agencies, organizations or persons in performing their functions and duties as prescribed

Article 10, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP

Documents made or issued by Vietnamese diplomatic or consular officers fall outside the scope of Apostille certification (Article 11.1.a, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

PROCEDURE

Four steps to obtain an Apostille



Step 3 arises only where the file falls into a case requiring verification. Verification time is not counted towards the processing time limit (Article 17.3, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

PLACE OF FILING AND TIME LIMITS

Where to file and how long it takes



WHERE TO FILE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the competent authority issuing Vietnamese Apostilles. The Minister of Foreign Affairs designates the implementing body and may delegate to provincial People's Committees (Article 6, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

Two filing channels currently apply: in person at the One-Stop Division, or by postal service (Article 12.1, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

Fully online filing and electronic Apostilles will be rolled out once the Apostille Information System is in operation, as announced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Article 36.4, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

HOW LONG IT TAKES

- 01

working day
file containing 01 to 04 public documents
- 02

working days
file containing 05 to 09 public documents
- 04

working days
file containing 10 or more public documents

The above time limits apply to paper files, run from the date a complete and valid file is received, and exclude verification time (Articles 17.1 and 17.3, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

Fees: the consular certification and consular legalization fee is payable at the time of filing under the law on fees and charges; filing or receiving results by post incurs additional postal charges (Article 9, Decree 293/2026/ND-CP).

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