Is an Apostille compulsory for notarised documents in Singapore?

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Are Notarial Certificate and Apostille compulsory in Singapore?

Yes. Since **16 September 2021**, all notarised documents in Singapore must be authenticated by the **Singapore Academy of Law (SAL)** with an **Apostille**. A Notarial Certificate alone is not valid without this step.

How the process works:

► **Step 1 – Notary issues Notarial Certificate**: Your Notary Public prepares the Notarial Certificate through SAL's online portal after the Notary or client pay the **Apostille fee of $80 + GST** to SAL. Without this payment, the Notary can only generate a *draft* certificate, not the final engrossed version.

► **Step 2 – Binding of documents**: The Notary binds the Notarial Certificate together with your notarised documents using the **red ribbon and official seal** as prescribed by SAL.

► **Step 3 – SAL Apostille**: You (or your representative) must then bring the bound notarised documents to **SAL's Counter Service at The Adelphi**. SAL will affix the Apostille sticker on the reverse of the Notarial Certificate. This confirms the Notary's signature and makes the document valid.

⚠ **Important:** Some clients mistakenly think they do not need an Apostille. In reality, **the Apostille is compulsory** for every notarised document in Singapore. Without it, your document will not be legally recognised outside Singapore.

Additional services:

- If you require our Notary’s office to collect the Apostille from SAL on your behalf, a **service fee** will apply.
- You can view our **Notary Public fee calculators** here:
  - Certified True Copy (CTC) fees
  - Witnessing fees
- To make an appointment, please visit: Book a Notary Appointment.

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Why Every Notarised Document in Singapore Requires an Apostille

AN APOSTILLE IS MANDATORY FOR EVERY NOTARISED DOCUMENT IN SINGAPORE



STEP 1 –
VISIT NOTARY'S OFFICE



STEP 2 – NOTARY PAYS SAL FOR APOSTILLE TO ISSUE NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE



STEP 3 – BINDING OF DOCUMENTS



STEP 4 – CLIENT GOES TO SAL TO COLLECT APOSTILLE

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Countries that Accept Apostilles

Countries and states that are members of the **Hague Convention on Apostille** generally accept an Apostille issued in Singapore **without requiring any further legalisation**. However, requirements may vary by authority or institution. You should always confirm whether the receiving country is a Hague member by checking the official list at the Hague Conference website: https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41.

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