

Documents That Cannot Be Apostilled

1. Documents from Outside Canada

Documents issued by non-Canadian foreign countries (even if used in Canada), must be apostilled or legalized in the country of origin ONLY.

2. Copies or Unofficial Documents

- Photocopies that are not notarized;
- Drafts or unsigned contracts;
- Non-certified translations;
- Religious documents;

3. Certain Digital Documents

Unless digitally certified and accepted by the issuing authority for apostille, some .PDF or online-only records may not be eligible for Apostille.

Each province in Canada designates its own competent authority for issuing apostilles. For example:

- Ontario: **Official Documents Services (ODS);**
- British Columbia: **Ministry of Attorney General;**
- Alberta: **Official Documents and Appointments;**
- Quebec: **Ministry of Justice;**
- Saskatchewan: **Ministry of Justice and Attorney General;**
- Other provinces & federal: **Global Affairs Canada (JLAC);**

*** documents must be issued and notarized in the same province or jurisdiction where you are requesting the apostille.***