

# What is the difference between legalization and apostille?

Legalizing (also called attestation) a document is something only a non-Hague Convention member foreign consulate or embassy can issue on a legal document that is presented to them.

Apostilling a document is something only one of the 50 U.S. Secretary of State offices or the U.S. Department of State can issue on a legal document presented to them for a country that is a part of **the 1961 Hague Convention Treaty**.