

# What is the difference between notarized and apostilled?

The first difference between getting a document notarized versus getting an apostille issued on it is an apostille certification can only be issued by one of the 50 state secretaries of state offices in the United States or by the United States Department of State which is located in Washington, D.C.

In contrast, a United States licensed notary public may not issue an apostille on a document in the U.S.

The sole job of a USA public notary is to verify a person's identity and then watch that person sign legal documents physically in front of them or online if the state they are licensed in allows virtual or e-notary public services.