

Can I email, text, or fax you the documents that I need apostilled or authenticated in Texas?

No.

The Texas Secretary of State's office only accepts **original or certified copy recordable documents** such as Texas birth certificates, Texas death certificates, Texas marriage licenses, Texas marriage certificates, Texas divorce certificates, Texas divorce decrees, and Texas DPS-issued criminal background check reports and vehicle driving records reports.

For **non-recordable documents** such as a power of attorney, bill of sale, wills, trusts, affidavits, utility bills, real estate documents, bank statements, contracts, leases, agreements, single status affidavits, medical records, travel consent forms, high school or college degrees, diplomas, and transcripts and identification photocopies of social security cards, permanent resident cards (Green cards), drivers licenses, visas, passport cards, and passports they only accept original documents that have been properly notarized by a Texas notary public.

Faxes, photos, and scanned email copies of documents are not accepted.

There are currently **two exceptions** to these rules where you can email Apostille Texas your recordable document.

The State of Texas allows a person to use the **original PDF** that they downloaded of a **Texas DPS-issued criminal background check report** or a **Texas DPS-issued vehicle driving history**

records report, which the Texas Secretary of State considers to be recordable documents.

Both types of documents **must be issued by TXDPS**. They **cannot be city or county-level issued** criminal history checks or driving records reports. Those have to be the original documents and be properly notarized by a Texas notary public.