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New Non-Recordable Document Universal Texas Apostille Certificate As of 10/1/23

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The Texas Secretary of State will issue, print out, and staple a universal apostille certificate (the certificate is an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper) onto the legal document that was presented to them.

Then they will place a red stamp in the lower right-hand corner that will have half the stamp on the apostille certificate and the other half of the stamp placed on your document. Then the Texas Secretary of State employee who issued the apostille will sign their initials next to where they placed the stamp at.

If the document presented to them is a **non-recordable document** (documents that DO require notarizations), they will staple the universal apostille certificate onto the specific page where the notarization was placed on your document by a Texas notary public.

If the document presented to them is a **recordable document** (documents that DON'T require notarizations) they will staple the universal apostille certificate onto the specific page where the city, county, or state registrar, county clerk, district clerk, or deputy clerk signed their name and/or placed their seal on your legal document.