

# PH Apostille

## Status of Implementation of the Apostille Convention in the Philippines 17 October 2019



11th International Forum on the e-Apostille Program  
Fortaleza, Brazil




Department of Foreign Affairs  
Office of Consular Affairs  
Authentication Division

## The Philippine Apostille

- Printed on security paper
- by a government printer
- Chemically treated
- Ultraviolet fluorescent ink
- Microtext
- QR Code
- Biometric login
- System-generated random keycode

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KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS  
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

 S.N. 19A - 0000000


**APOSTILLE**  
(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Country: Philippines

*This public document*

2. has been signed by  
3. acting in the capacity of  
4. bears the seal/stamp of

5. at  
6. the  
7. by  
8. No. 19A-  
9. Seal/stamp:

 **Certified**

10. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authentication Officer

Annexed document(s) is/are: \_\_\_\_\_

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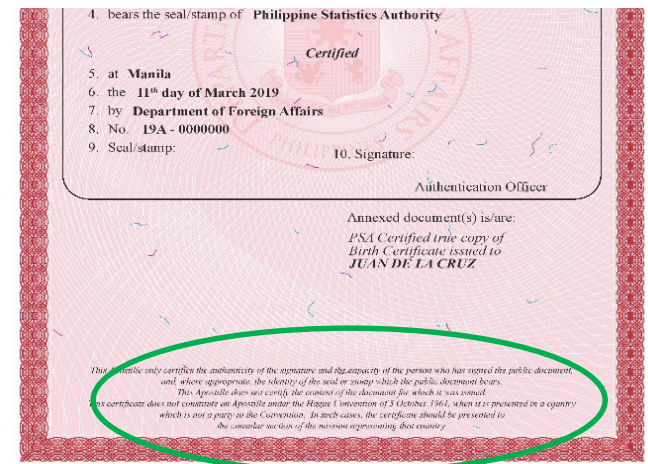


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## A Single Certificate

The Philippines issues a single/common certificate for both Contracting and Non-Contracting Parties (pursuant to Paragraphs 87 to 90 of the Apostille Handbook).

Additional text is included on the Philippine certificate to remind the applicant that Philippine public documents for use in Non-Contracting Parties are subject to legalization by the respective Embassies or Consulates.








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## Roll-out of new Apostille in Nov 2019

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- Country: Philippines
- has been signed by Juan S. Dela Cruz
- acting in the capacity of Administrator and Civil Registrar General
- bears the seal/stamp of National Statistics Office

*This public document*

**Certified**

- at Manila
- the 13th day of June 2019
- by MARIA D. SANTOS
- No. 20A-0000000
- Seal/Stamp:
- Signature: 

Authentication Officer

Annexed document(s) is/are:  
Birth Certificate  
JEAN RANCE FLORES  
\*\*\*\*\*NOTHING FOLLOWS\*\*\*\*\*

**KEYCODE: 67266621**  
To view/verify the entire certificate, please log in to: [www.dfa.gov.ph/verify-apostille](http://www.dfa.gov.ph/verify-apostille)

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## Changes in the new Apostille

- Reminder has been reworded to include State Parties that objected to PH accession.
- Printed QR code with offline/online verification
- With additional security features





# Security features in the new Apostille

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

**TITLE:** Bespoke Apostille Certificates

**SIZE:** A4

**MATERIAL:** CBS1 120 gsm chemically sensitized paper with SPS watermark and visible and invisible fibers

**NUMBERING:** 1 black audit number on face, 1 under STEALTH bar and UV number

**SECURITY INKS:** 2 color bespoke micronumismatic invisible design using blue and yellow UV (Department of Foreign Affairs Apostille), thermochromic ink (three stars and sun)

**SECURITY FEATURES:** guilloche border, micronumismatic bespoke background design (eagle), microtext (with deliberately misspelled words), visible and UV reactive fibers,

**OTHERS:** Department of Foreign Affairs emblem in gold metallic ink, customized DFA hologram, Quick Response (QR) code

**VERIFICATION:** Online and offline-capable

**HOLOGRAM FEATURES:** silver, 21.6 x 21.6 mm with tamper-evident feature, 3d lens, raster and dot matrix, 3d embossing, microtext, 3d background, 2 channels, nano logo, hidden text

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Finished size

CBS1 120 gsm Security Paper with SPS watermark

Audit number with STEALTH bar and UV numbering

RP logo in gold metallic ink

Guilloche border design

Extra fine Microtext around the border with deliberately misspelled words

Micronumismatic bespoke background design (PHL Eagle)

Visible and UV reactive fibers

Thermochromic ink

Customized tamper-evident DFA hologram sticker

Quick response code (online and offline capable)

# e-Register





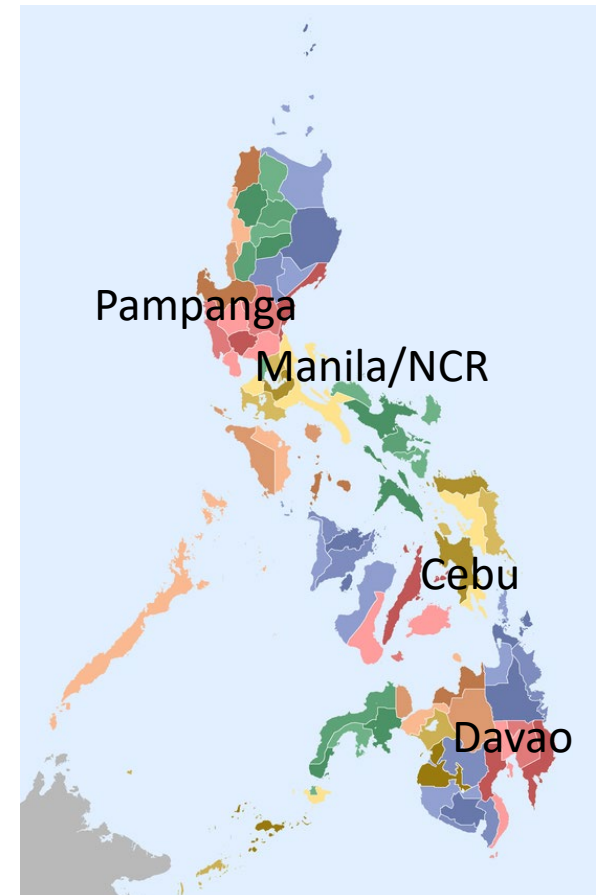
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## Sole Competent Authority

Department of Foreign Affairs – Office of Consular Affairs (DFA-OCA) and its extension units in select DFA Consular Offices:

- ❖ DFA – OCA Main
- ❖ DFA NCR-Northeast
- ❖ DFA NCR-East
- ❖ DFA NCR-West
- ❖ DFA NCR-South
- ❖ DFA Pampanga
- ❖ DFA Cebu
- ❖ DFA Davao

**270,000 Apostilles issued as of 30 Sep 2019**





# Offline/Online Verification of Apostille

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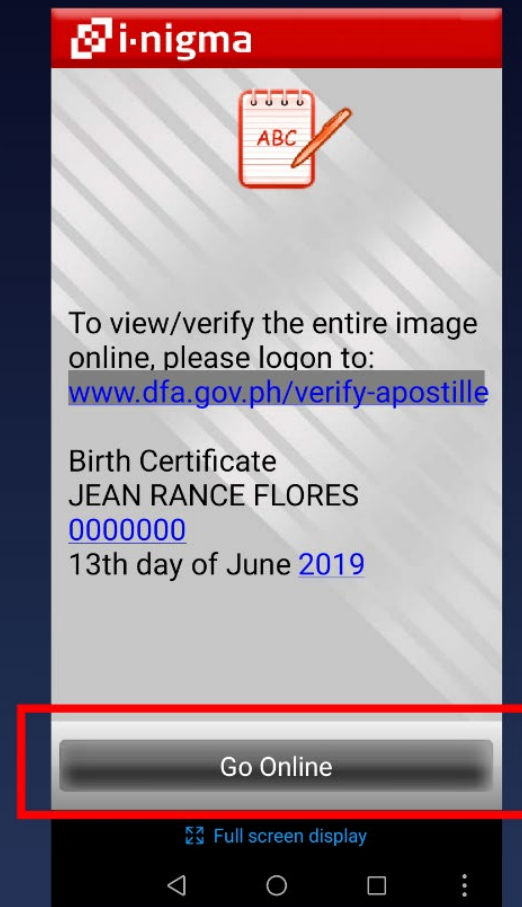
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# Offline/Online Verification of Apostille

## Result of Verification



## Click GO ONLINE



# Offline/Online Verification of Apostille



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
OFFICE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS  
BRADCO AVENUE CORNER MACAPAGAL BOULEVARD  
ASEANA BUSINESS PARK, PARAÑAQUE CITY

Please enter the APOSTILLE NO. and KEYCODE. Afterwards, click SEARCH.



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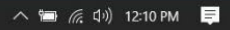


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# Challenges in the Implementation

## PUBLIC ADVISORY: APOSTILLE CONVENTION ON AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS TAKES EFFECT ON 14 MAY 2019

PRINT

### Public Advisory: Apostille Convention on Authentication

07 May 2019 — The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)—Office of Consular Affairs will no longer require authentication of documents for use abroad as of May 2019. Instead, the DFA will affix an Apostille to documents for use abroad as proof of authentication.

After authentication by the DFA, there is no more need for authentication (legalization) if the destination of the authenticated document is already a member of the Apostille Convention.

Public documents executed in Apostille-contracting countries and territories (except for Austria, France, and Germany) will no longer need to be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General once Apostillized.

However, in countries and territories which are not Apostille-contracting parties, the previous process of authentication applies. Documents still have to be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General before they can be used in the Philippines. Also, there is still a need for authentication (legalization) by the concerned Philippine Embassy or Consulate General for documents to be used in the Philippines.





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## Top 10 Destination of Overseas Filipinos

Rank	Country	Estimated Number of Filipinos
1	USA	3,912,921
2	Saudi Arabia	956,420
3	Canada	892,481
4	Sabah*	770,000
5	United Arab Emirates	618,726
6	Japan	378,116
7	Singapore	323,810
8	Australia	301,259
9	China (including HK and Macao)	277,964
10	Kuwait	255,100





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## Moving forward: e-Apostille







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