



The Apostille in the Digital Age

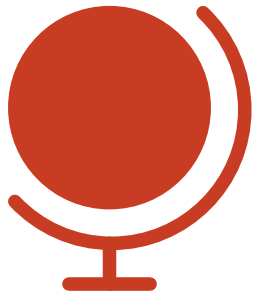
China's Practice and Vision

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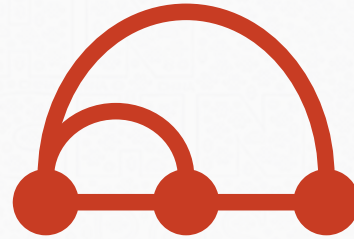
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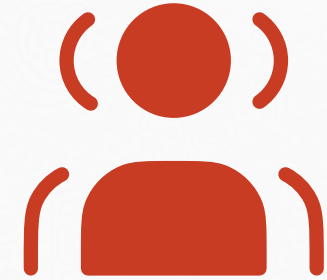
A Deeply Interconnected World



Globalization binds all nations with shared destinies



Global industrial and supply chains deeply interconnected



People-to-people and cultural exchanges more frequent



Apostille - A Vital "Bridge of Trust"

Cutting Through Red Tape

It efficiently cuts through the red tape of traditional consular legalization processes.

Reducing Burdens

Substantially reduces the time, associated costs, and inherent legal risks for individuals and businesses.

Growing in Value

It serves as a vital "bridge of trust" for global economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges



China's Accession and Commitments

KEY MILESTONE

In March 2023, China acceded to the Apostille Convention

This marks a major step forward for China to advance high-standard opening-up in line with international rules, as well as a solemn commitment to the world.



Domestic Reforms

Comprehensively reformed the domestic consular legalization system



Law supporting

Improved supporting laws, regulations and operational guidelines



Nationwide Issuance Network

Built a unified and integrated issuance network across the country.



Tangible Benefits Delivered



3.4 million

Apostilles

(As of May 8, 2026)



Trade, Marriage, Family,
Education, Employment,
and more



90%↓

Drop in document
circulation time



One application
multi-country recognition



A new round of technological revolution and industrial transformation



Legal Foundations for Digitalization

China attaches great importance to digital transformation in government services



Electronic Signature Law

Establishes the legal validity of electronic signatures and data messages



Data Security Law

Standardizes data handling and strengthens national security protection



Admin. Measures for Electronic Seals

Regulates the making, use and management of electronic seals

Providing a solid legal foundation for electronic public documents



Digital Milestones

November 2023

Launched the national unified e-Register for Apostilles alongside online verification services.

June 2025

China launched the pilot issuance of e-Apostilles, ushering in a new digital chapter for its consular legalization services.



China's e-Apostille

电子附加证明书 e-Apostille

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3. 扫描尾页电子附加证明书上的二维码进行核验；
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

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2. Consignee		3. Means of transport and route		4. Country / region of destination	
6. Marks and numbers		7. Number and kind of packages; description of goods		8. HS Code	
9. Quantity		10. Number and date of invoices		11. Declaration by the exporter The undersigned hereby declares that the above details and statements are correct, that all the goods were produced in China and that they comply with the Rules of Origin of the People's Republic of China.	
12. Certification It is hereby certified that the declaration by the exporter is correct.		13. For certifying authority use only CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS CHINA CHAMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE			

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SAMPLE

中国国际贸易促进委员会
单证证明专用章
CHINA COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ADDRESS NO. 26 CHANGHANG HUTONG, XINJIEKOU DISTRICT, BEIJING, CCOTC
BUILDING FLOOR: 5
FAX: 86-10-6309-1009 TEL: 86-10-6309-1075
BEIJING, CHINA MAR. 03. 2025
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附加证明书
APOSTILLE
(1961年《海牙公约》)
(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. 文书出具国: 中华人民共和国
Country: People's Republic of China
本文文书 This public document

2. 签署人
has been signed by 王莹
Wang Ying

3. 签署人身份
acting in the capacity of 签证员
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Four Distinctive Strengths

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Centralized and unified data governance

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Technology-backed security assurance

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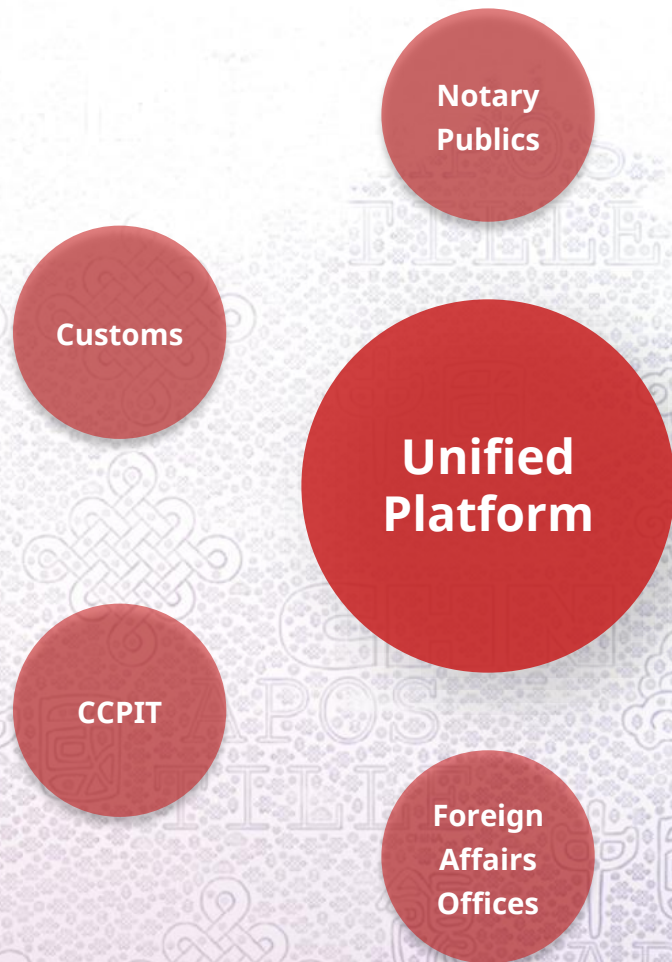
Inclusive and convenient compatibility

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Tiered privacy protection



Centralized and Unified Data Governance



Unified Apostille Service Platform

Established a nationwide unified Apostille service platform, integrating fragmented regional resources to provide standardized service.



Centralized Specimen Collection

Collects and stores official signatures and seal specimens from all competent authorities issuing public documents across the country.



Whole-Process Traceability

Implements full-cycle registration and filing for every single Apostille.



Foundation for e-Register and e-Apostille

Provides robust data governance capabilities to underpin the stable, secure operation of the national unified electronic register.



Technology-Backed Security: A Dual Protection Mechanism



Blockchain

Immutable & Distributed
Ledger

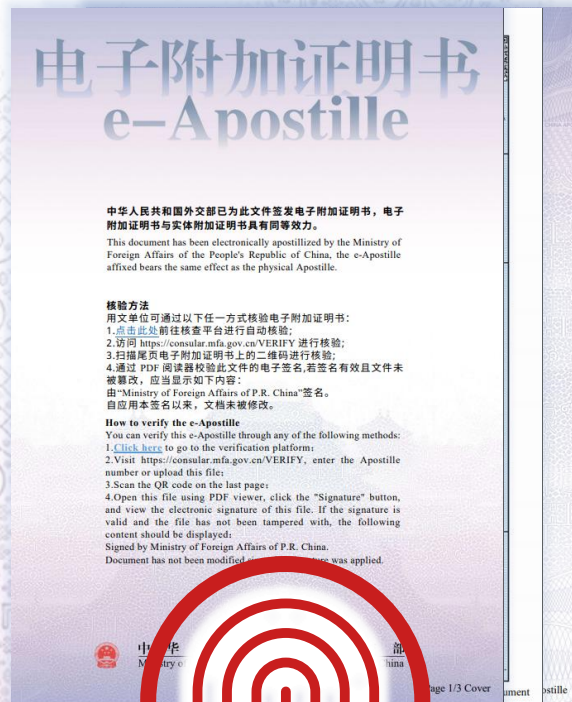


Electronic Seal

Authoritative Digital Signature



Security Feature: Unique Digital Fingerprint



Immutable Hash Generation

Every e-Apostille is encrypted using industry-standard cryptographic hash algorithms. This process generates a unique, fixed-length string of characters – the digital fingerprint – bound to the document's content.

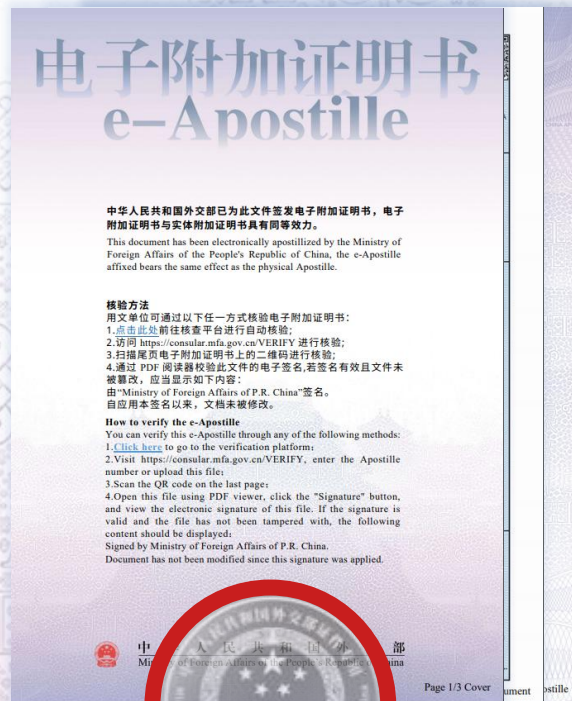


Instant Tampering Detection

The fingerprint is highly sensitive to change. Even a single character modification to the document will produce a completely different hash value, making any unauthorized tampering immediately detectable.



Security Feature: Electronic Seal with Full Legal Force



MFA-issued Electronic Seal

Each e-Apostille bears the official electronic seal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, ensuring its origin and authority



Legal Validity & Tampering detection

It carries the same legal force as physical seals. Any unauthorized alteration to documents will automatically invalidate the electronic seal.



Inclusive and Convenient Compatibility



Electronic Version

With embedded link for one-click verification, ensuring instant access to real-time authentication data.

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Printed Version

Equipped with a dedicated QR code directing to the official platform, bridging physical and digital verification seamlessly.



本附加证明书仅证明公文书上的签名、签署人签名时的身份，可证明公文书上的印鉴属实。附加证明书不对公文书内容予以认证。
This Apostille only certifies the authenticity of the signature, the capacity of the person who has signed the public document and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which the public document bears. It does not certify the content of the document for which it was issued.
Visit <https://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VERIFY/> and scan the QR code to verify.



Tiered Privacy Protection

Basic Info

Accessible via QR Code

Basic Information

Apostille data is accessible to authorized third parties via a simple QR code scan, ensuring high efficiency for routine checks.

Personal Identifiers

Partially Encrypted

Personal Identifiers

Sensitive personally identifiable information (PII) is partially encrypted to protect identity, while still allowing for essential verification processes.

Original Docs

code Only

Original Documents

The highest level of security: full original documents can only be viewed with a unique verification code held exclusively by the applicant.



Emerging Challenges

Discrepancies in domestic laws among contracting parties have led to divergent understandings.

The acceptance of e-Apostilles varies significantly from country to country.

Cross-border verification standards and procedures still leave significant room for improvement.



Cooperation: Coordinated Interpretation and Application

PROPOSE

The HCCH Permanent Bureau establish a **regular consultation mechanism** to address emerging challenges.

⊕ KEY ACTIONS

- Conduct in-depth discussions on Convention implementation and legal adaptation.
- Formulate more unified and coordinated standards for cross-border legal application.



Cooperation: Technical Cooperation on Digital Certification



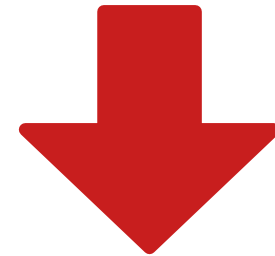
Security & Standards

Share experience in electronic document security technologies and verification interface standards.



Unified Framework

Promote the development of a unified technical framework for e-Apostilles.



Lower Digital Threshold

Lower the digital threshold for all contracting parties.



Cooperation: Cross-Border Verification Mechanisms



Shared Information Platform

Explore the establishment of a shared verification information platform



One-stop Service

Deliver one-stop Apostille verification



Efficiency & Accuracy

Further enhance verification efficiency and accuracy



China's Roadmap for e-Apostille

Fully committed to e-Apostille development with a clear and well-defined roadmap



PHASE 01

Gradual Expansion

Expand the coverage of e-Apostille services progressively to include notarial documents, civil certificates, educational credentials, and other common types of public documents.



PHASE 02

Comprehensive Full Coverage

Achieve complete and comprehensive e-Apostille coverage across all categories of public documents, eliminating any remaining gaps in the digital verification network.



ULTIMATE GOAL

Seamless Cross-Border Circulation

Build a national, round-the-clock, and fully electronic system that enables the efficient, secure, and convenient cross-border circulation of Chinese public documents worldwide.



Together for a Digital and Interconnected Future



THANK YOU
