

Currently, the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation affixes an apostille both in the form of a paper document and in electronic form (samples of the apostille stamp are attached). An electronic apostille program (e-APP) was launched in March 2023.

The electronic form of apostille (e-apostille) is affixed on electronic documents received through the federal public information system “Unified portal of public and municipal services (functions)” (hereinafter referred to as the EPGU).

For the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation to affix an electronic apostille, the applicant has to fill out an electronic request form through the EPGU ([www.gosuslugi.ru/611042](http://www.gosuslugi.ru/611042)) and attach an electronic document in pdf format signed with the electronic signature of a notary of the Russian Federation in sig format, without additionally submitting the request in any other form.

Currently, the electronic apostille is affixed on electronic documents issued, certified or witnessed by Russian notaries, including on prepared electronic documents, to certify their equivalence to paper documents.

The Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation is considering a gradual increase in the types of documents that would be possible to apostille electronically, of which will be announced additionally.

Apostille in the electronic form is affixed without applicant’s personal presence at the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation. The applicant interacts with the Ministry in the electronic form through the applicant’s EPGU personal account.

The service is provided when the electronic apostille, signed with the enhanced qualified signature by an authorized official of the Ministry of Justice

of the Russian Federation, is displayed in the applicant's personal account along with the electronic document thereby certified.

Apostille in the electronic form and apostille in the form of a paper document contain a two-dimensional bar code (QR code).

In addition, an electronic register of apostilles issued by the Ministry of Justice of Russia (e-register) has been put into operation, which helps an interested person verify whether an apostille has been issued in case the authenticity of the apostille is doubtful.

The said register contains the following information:

- 1) apostille number;
- 2) apostille affixing date;
- 3) person who signed the official document;
- 4) in which capacity the person who signed the official document acted (his/her position);
- 5) person who signed the apostille;
- 6) position of the person who signed the apostille;
- 7) document type.

The register contains information about apostilles both in the electronic form and in the form of paper documents.

You can verify whether an apostille has been issued by either scanning the QR code, or by referring to the link contained in the apostille stamp (the form for the provision of information about affixed apostilles which are contained in the electronic register is attached).

Apostilles affixed by the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation are filled out in the state language of the Russian Federation which is Russian.