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The Ministry of External Affairs attests original documents//true copies of documents for use abroad. Attestation done by the Ministry of External Affairs is of two types:

### 1. Apostille:

India, since 2005, is a member of the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961 that abolished the requirement of legalization of foreign public documents. Apostille is acceptable in 105 member-countries of the Convention (For more info please visit the website: www.hcch.net). Apostille is done for personal documents like birth/death/marriage certificates, Affidavits, Power of Attorney, etc. and educational documents like degree, diploma, matriculation and secondary level certificates etc. Any document Apostilled in one member country is acceptable in all the other 104 member-countries, signatory to the referred convention of 1961 thus greatly simplifying the process of attestation by making it needless to get the documents attested in each or for each of the countries separately.

#### 2. Normal Attestation:

This is done for all the countries which are not a member of Hague Convention and where Apostille is not accepted.

#### Procedure for Attestation/Apostille

**Step 1** - Authentication of documents: All original documents/copies requiring attestation or Apostille should be first authenticated by the designated authorities of the State/Union Territory from where the document has been issued. In case of personal documents, Home/General Administration Department of the concerned State Government/Union Territory are the designated authorities. In case of educational documents, the documents should first be authenticated by the Education Department of the concerned State Government/Union Territory. Commercial Documents are to be pre-authenticated by the respective Chambers of Commerce. The details of the Regional Authentication Centres (RACs) in the States/Union Territories from where the documents should first be authenticated are given below.

		Regional Authentication Centres (RACs) for States/Union Territories
1	Andhra Pradesh	1 Special Secretary (Protocol), General Administration Department, Hyderabad.
		2 Joint Secretary (Law & Order), General Administration Department, Hyderabad
		3 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Andhra Pradesh in New Delhi. Tel- 23387036, 23384016
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1 Deputy Secretary (Home), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
		2 Director, Department of Higher & Technical Education Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
		3 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Arunachal Pradesh in New Delhi. Tel- 23014136
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Deputy Dir. Cadet Corps, Director General Higher Education, Sector-5 Haryana Panchkula

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Chandigarh

- 8 Assistant Director (Administration), Director General of Higher Education, Panchkula.
- 9 Assistant Director, Colleges VII, Higher Education Commissioner, Haryana Panchkula.
- 10 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Haryana in New Delhi. Tel- 23384354, 23386131/425
- 11 Office of the Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana. Tel- 0172- 27401180172- 2740118

# 14 Himachal Pradesh

- 1 Principal Secretary (Home) to the Government. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
- 2 Deputy Secretary (Home), Shimla
- 3 Under Secretary (Home), Shimla (Tel: 0177-26264500177-2626450].
- 4 Joint Director (C-I), Directorate of High Education, Shimla-171001
- 5 Joint Director (C-II), Directorate of High Education, Shimla-171001
- 6 Additional Director (Colleges), Directorate of High Education, Shimla-171001
- Office of the Resident Commissioner of Himachal Pradesh in New Delhi. Tel- 23716574, 23716124, 23711964

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  - Principal, Amar Singh College, Gogji Bagh, Srinagar (J&K) Fax: 0194-2476828, 94190108399419010839(M),0194-24768280194-2476828
  - 3 Deputy Secretary, Home Department 0191-25432610191-2543261, 0941942533(M)
  - 4 Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu. Te/Fax: 0194-2479584, 0191-2549616 (w.e.f 26.10.10)
  - 5 Office of the Resident Commissioner of J&K, in New Delhi. Tel- 24611506, 24611210

### 16 Jharkhand

- 1 Director, Department of Human Resource Development, Ranchi.
- 2 Deputy Secretary, Department of Human Resource Development, Ranchi.
- 3 Under Secretary, Department of Human Resource Development, Ranchi
- Deputy Secretary, Home Department, Ranchi, 0933435953409334359534(M),0651-24014470651-2401447

- 4 Additional Secretary (HRD) Certificate Authentication Centre, Thiruvanathpuram.
- Joint Secretary to Government, Home Department and Under Secretary, Home (Attestation) Department0471-25171070471-2517107, 2317950, 2317951
- 6 Additional Secretary to Government, Home Department, Secretariat, Thiruvanathpuram
- Joint Secretary to Government of Kerala, General Education Department, Certificate Authentication Centre, Ernakulam0484-23718100484-2371810, 2371830
- 8 Additional Secretary to the Government. of Kerala, General Education Department Certificate Authentication Centre, Ernakulam
- 9 Joint Secretary, GED, Certificate Authentication Centre, Kozhikode
- 10 Under Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Thiruvanathpuram.
- 11 Joint Secretary, General Education Department, Certificate Authentication Centre, Kozhikode.
- 12 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Kerala in New Delhi. Tel- 23362656, 23368581, 23367833

# 19 Madhya Pradesh

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  City, 35, Gulmohur Bhawan, Bhopal , Tel:0755-274102407552741024,0992696601109926966011(M)
- 2 Under Secretary (HRD), Maltralaya, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal.
- 3 Under Secretary, Higher Education Department, Maltralaya, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal
- Office of the Resident Commissioner of Madhya Pradesh in New Delhi. Tel- 23019899, 23348484, 23361705

# 20 Maharashtra

- Joint Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, 4th floor, Mantralaya Annexe, Mumbai-400032, Tel:022-22025206022-22025206(O), 24367773 (R)
- 2 Deputy Secretary, Employment & Self-Employment Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
- 3 Section Officer, Home Department, Government of Maharashtra 022-22794093022-22794093,0932265006509322650065(M)
- 4 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Maharashtra in New Delhi. Tel- 23388075, 23383876

# 21 **Meghalaya**

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	Office of the Resident Commissioner of Rajasthan in New Delhi. Tel- 23073747, 23381333 23383472
30 Sikkim	Deputy Director (Exam), Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim Gangtok
	2 Assistant Director, Exam Cell, Human Resource Development, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
	3 Joint Secretary (Protocol), Home Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
	4 Joint Secretary (Con), Home Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
	5 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Sikkim in New Delhi. Tel- 26113747
31 <b>Tamilnadu</b>	1 Under Secretary, (Foreigners) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
	2 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Tamil Nadu in New Delhi. Tel- 23010035, 24193333
32 <b>Tripura</b>	1 Deputy Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Agartala, Tel: 0381-2326041-224(EPBX)
	Deputy Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Agartala Tel:0381-23240010381-2324001/0381-23240020381-2324002
	3 Office of the Resident Commissioner of Tripura in New Delhi. Tel- 23012693, 23015157
33 Uttar Pradesh	1 Under Secretary, HRD, Secretariat, Lucknow
	2 Special Secretary, General Administration Department, Secretariat, Lucknow
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	Under Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 0522-22380010522-2238001 Extn.3967
	Joint Secretary, General Administration Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh0941501424709415014247-(M)
	6 Under Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh

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		8	Office of the Resident Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh in New Delhi. Tel- 23310408	
34	Uttrakhand	1	Deputy Secretary, General Administration Department, Government of Uttrakhand, Dehradun	
		2	Under Secretary, General Administration Department, Government of Uttrakhand, Dehradun Tel:0135-27128020135-2712802,0941117355309411173553(M)	
		3	Under Secretary, General Administration Department, Uttrakhand 0135-27120960135-2712096(Fax)	
		4	Office of the Resident Commissioner of Uttrakhand in New Delhi. Tel- 23738498, 23358434	
35	West Bengal	est Bengal 1 Section Officer, Home (Foreigners'& N	Section Officer, Home (Foreigners'& NRI's) Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata	
		2	W.B.C.S (Exe), Joint Secretary, Home (Foreigners'& NRI's) Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata. Tel:0983000530609830005306(M), 033-22527391(Fax)	
		3	Office of the Resident Commissioner of West Bengal in New Delhi. Tel- 23344269, 23742695	

**Step 2 –** Legalisation of documents: The Ministry of External Affairs thereafter, legalises the documents on the basis of the signature of the designated signing authorities of the State Government/Union Territory/Chambers of Commerce. Hence it does not take responsibility of the contents of the documents.

**Important note:** As a result to outsourcing of receipt and delivery of documents for attestation/Apostille with effect from July 2012, no document is directly accepted from individuals at the Ministry of External Affairs Counter at CPV Division, Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi. The original document/true copy is to be submitted directly to any of the four under-mentioned outsourced agencies along with a photocopy of the document and a photocopy of the Passport of the applicant. It would be pertinent to point out that the Ministry does not legalize photocopies. Applicants are advised not to rely on unauthorised persons/touts for Apostille or Attestation services.

- 1. (a) M/s BLS International Services Ltd. 910 Indra Prakash Building, 21, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110001 (Phone No.011-23765018011-23765018, 8595166078, 8595166109; Email: info@blsattestation.com)
- (b) M/s BLS International Services Ltd., SCO 37/38, Sector 17 C, 3rd Floor, Office No. 4, Near Bathura King, Chandigarh 160022 (Phone No.0172-46660760172-4666076)

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S.C.O.-37,38 3RD FLOOR CABIN NO.2, NEAR BRIDGE MARKET OPP. DC OFFICE, SECTOR-17C, CHANDIGARH, Tel. No.0978150018209781500182, 0887270222, 0172-46113130172-4611313

- (b) IVS Collection Centre, Shop No. 201, 2nd Floor, Bajaj House 97, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 (Phone No.0987352282909873522829)
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- (e) Golden Sapphire, 2nd Floor, Miramar Goa-2463189 Phone 07083270884.
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- (j) M/S Superb Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai Office, 96, 97, 132, 1st floor, Ashoka Shopping Centre, Near G.T. Hospital, L.T. Road, Mumbai-400001, Tel:-022-22652929022-22652929, 22652828, Customer care No.: 85272709998527270999, E-mail http://mea.gov.in/apostille.htm

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- 4. (a)VFS Global Attestation Centre, Mezzanine Level, Shivaji Stadium Metro Station, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001, Phone Number :011 3001 3636011 3001 3636
- (b) VFS Global Attestation Centre, SCO 186-187 (Read Side), Sector 8-C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh-160008
- (c) Trade Centre, 3rd Floor, G, Block, Bandra Kurla Comples, Bandra, (East) Mumbai (Contact: Mr. Arun Panday, Parun@vfsglobal.com)
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Applicant can, however, submit and collect documents directly at the four under-mentioned Branch Secretariats of the Ministry of External Affairs. They also Attest/Apostille documents in addition to MEA.

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1	Chennai	Ministry of External Affairs Branch Secretariat,
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		Email :hobs.guwahati@mea.gov.in
3	Hyderabad	Ministry of External Affairs Branch Secretariat
	-	B-Block, Room No. 310-312,
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		Hyderabad-500022
		Phone: 040-23456051040-23456051, Fax: 040-23451244
		Email :hobs.hyderabad@mea.gov.in
4	Kolkata	Ministry of External Affairs Branch Secretariat
		2, Ballygunge, Park Road,
		Kolkata-700019
		Phone: 033-22879701033-22879701, 22802686,
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		Email :hobs.kolkata@mea.gov.in

Note: With effect from March 14, 2011, the Passport Office, Goa has been authorized to collect documents, duly authenticated by the designated officers of the State Government of Goa, and deliver the same to the applicants after due attestation/Apostille by the CPV Division, Ministry of External Affairs.

#### **Fees for Apostille and Normal Attestation**

MEA: A fee of Rs. 50/- is payable by means of a Postal Order drawn in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer (PAO), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, for Apostille of each document. Normal Attestation is done free of cost.

Outsourced agencies: As the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is not accepting documents directly from the applicant/individual, all documents for the purpose of Attestation/Apostille by MEA are to be submitted and collected from the four designated outsourced agencies. The fee chargeable by the outsourced agencies per document for its collection and delivery for Apostille/normal attestation by MEA will be Rs.22/- (Personal document), Rs.18/- (Educational document) and Rs.16/- (Commercial document).

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