**APOSTILLE & LEGISLATION**

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**APOSTILLE LEGALISATION**

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Apostille is an official certificate that the FCDO will add to the back of some documents before they can be used abroad.

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Fees for Legalisation at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO):

* Legalisation standard service £30
* Legalisation express service £75
* Attendance to FCO standard £22+VAT
* Attendance to FCO express £32+VAT

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It would be best to send a copy of any document you need legalised, so we can advise accordingly and provide you with the accurate fee quote. If you are unsure about whether or not you need any documents to be legalised, simply contact me.

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