

## Authenticate Bahamian Documents for Use in the United States

Bahamian documents can be authenticated for use overseas by the issuance of an apostille sticker at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Consular-Passport-Visa Division in Nassau.

Documents with apostilles from the MFA do not require authentication at the U.S. Embassy or a Consulate General; they are ready to use in the United States.

Apostille

Bahamian apostilles apply to public documents such as:

- birth certificates
- death certificates
- marriage certificates
- affidavits
- powers of attorney
- court documents
- notarial acts
- degrees
- diplomas
- matriculation and secondary level education certificates.

The first step in getting an apostille is to have your document authenticated by the US state government where the document originated.

[Contact information for Bahamian state government offices](#)

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Documents authenticated by these authorities then need to be presented to MFA for issuance of the apostille sticker.

Apostilles do not apply to:

- Commercial documents
- Customs operations documents

- Documents executed by a diplomatic or consular agent

To authenticate these documents for use in the United States, you must:

Have the document attested at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Nassau

Location and Hours of the MFA

To receive an apostille or have documents attested, you must go in person to the MFA:

Attestations Office

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Consular Division

East Hill Street P. O. Box 3746

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Goodman's Bay Corporate Centre

Nassau, The Bahamas

Tel: 242 323 5565 or 242 323 5578

E-mail: [consularassistance@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:consularassistance@bahamas.gov.bs)

The office's hours are 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday for dropping off documents.