

Apostille & MEA Attestation Chain Planner

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Plans the full attestation chain for documents to be used abroad — the correct sequence of notary, state authentication (HRD for educational, Home/GAD/SDM for personal, Chamber of Commerce for commercial), MEA apostille or embassy legalisation — for the destination country, and prepares the covering applications and document list so nothing is done out of order.

Purpose of this tool & output

Plan the document attestation chain — notary, state/HRD/SDM/Chamber, MEA apostille or embassy legalisation — for documents used abroad

How the output is used

Use the step-by-step attestation chain and the covering requests to take each document through the correct sequence in the right order, and stop at apostille or continue to embassy legalisation as the destination requires.

Who receives it

The notary, the state authentication authority (HRD, GAD or SDM, or the Chamber of Commerce), the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and the destination embassy where legalisation is needed.

How to submit / file it

Submit each document through the chain in sequence — notary, then state authentication, then MEA apostille or legalisation (usually via an MEA-approved outsourcing agency), then the embassy for a non-Hague country.

Fees & charges

The MEA apostille or attestation fee per document plus the state and agency service charges; embassy legalisation for a non-Hague country carries its own fee.

Who should vet it

An attestation agency for a large or commercial set; for a single educational or personal document the chain can be followed directly.

Important cautions

Doing a step out of order (for example going to the MEA before the state authentication) forces a restart, and whether apostille suffices depends on the destination being a Hague country. Verify the current MEA and embassy requirements before starting.

Companion documents

No related documents are listed on the portal for this tool.

This is AI-assisted guidance. Verify with a qualified professional before any binding decision. Fees, authorities and processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.