

USE OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS IN COSTA RICA

(APOSTILLE)

Public Documents from Germany, Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic can be used in Costa Rica, if they have the "Apostille" attached (document which certifies the authenticity of the signature in the public document).

¿Where can I acquire the "Apostille" for my document?

1. Germany: Please consult the [website](#) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany.
2. Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic: In order to acquire the "Apostille", please contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the respective country.

Once the document has the "Apostille", you can present it to every Costarican authority. It is NOT necessary to send the document to the Embassy of Costa Rica in Germany.

IMPORTANT: Since December 14th, 2011, the Embassy and Honorary Consulates do NOT legalize public documents.

Legal basis:

- Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention)