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## **E-APOSTILLE**

As it is known, Apostille is a document approval system that allows an official document to be used legally in another country by certifying its authenticity. The rules pertaining to Apostille were established by the Hague Convention of October 5, 1961. Apostille rules apply only between member or party states to the Hague Convention. The electronic operation of this document approval system is called e-Apostille.

E-Apostille consists of making an application for the document to be apostilled through the website [www.eapostil.gov.tr](http://www.eapostil.gov.tr), forwarding the application to the institution authorized to apply apostille (Ministry of Justice or Ministry of Interior), and the authorized institution creating the relevant document electronically and delivering it to the applicant using secure data transmission methods, also through the website [www.eapostil.gov.tr](http://www.eapostil.gov.tr).

The document created electronically by the relevant institution and e-apostilled is signed by PTT (Turkish Post) with a Qualified Electronic Certificate (QEC) and delivered to the applicant. This guarantees the accuracy and integrity of the delivered document. Foreign authorities to whom electronic documents are delivered will be able to verify the authenticity of the documents by using the "I want to verify a document" button.

**a) Countries where E-Apostille is Valid**

The e-Apostilled document is recognized as a valid document in all member and party states of the Hague Convention. An up-to-date list of the countries that are parties to the Convention and information on the bodies are authorized to issue Apostille in each country can be found at <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41>. Please note that e-Apostilles are not issued to countries that are not party to the Hague Convention.

**b) Documents that can be obtained with E-Apostille**

The documents for which e-Apostille is currently applied are as follows.

- Criminal Record
- Court Decision
- Civil Register Copy

Work on the e-Apostille application for the following documents is ongoing.

- Birth Register Copy
- Death Register Copy
- Marriage Register Copy
- Name Equivalence Certificate
- Diploma
- Transcript
- Company incorporation documents, work completion documents

Some international shipping documents and invoices are also not e-apostilled.

Sincerely,

(\*) The remarks in our circulars are for information purposes only. We recommend that the opinion and support of a qualified counsellor be sought before taking final action on questionable matters. Our company shall not be held responsible for any damages to be incurred as a result of transactions to be made solely on the basis of the statements in our circular.

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