

Replies to the Questionnaire “Diplomas and other education documents within the framework of the Apostille Convention”:

Ad 1)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is the authority competent to issue Apostilles in cases of documents issued by state administration bodies or other bodies (with the exception of documents issued by judicial bodies and notaries) - this also applies to education documents. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs attaches the Apostille to such documents – regardless of whether they are issued by a private or public institution – only if the documents bears prior certification from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Physical Education, which is the central state administration body responsible for the sphere of education and which is responsible for ensuring that documents are issued by an educational institution competent to do so.

Ad 2)

The decisive criterion for the issuing of Apostilles relating to education documents is whether the document bears prior certification from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Physical Education (see sub 1). If this condition is not met, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not attach an Apostille to the document.

Ad 3)

The Czech Republic has not designated a specific authority competent to issue Apostilles relating to education documents, and neither does it intend to do so.

Ad 4)

The Apostille on certified copies of diplomas or other education documents does not relate to the issuing authority but to the certificate of the notary or certifying body only.

Ad 5)

We do not issue Apostilles in relation to on-line diplomas.

Ad 6)

Concerning the raising of public awareness as to what exactly the Apostille certifies, the same applies to diplomas and education documents as what applies for Apostilles in general (the public often wrongly believes that the Apostille relates to the content of the document). In this regard, however, we do not consider it necessary to resolve this problem for diplomas in particular.

Ad 7)

We don't have any other comments.