



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC 11-19

### Philippine Accession to the Apostille Convention and Authentication of Documents

With the Philippines' accession to the Apostille Convention on 14 May 2019, authentication of documents between the Philippines and State-Parties to the Convention like the United States of America (USA), is now simplified.

Consequently, **all public documents** issued or executed in all States under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago (i.e., *Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin*) which are to be used in the Philippines, do not need to be authenticated by the Philippine Consulate **once apostilled** by competent authorities in the aforementioned States. This streamlines the process of authentication, and makes the service more accessible and economical.

Examples of public documents include, but are not limited to *school records, tax certifications, police records, civil and administrative records, and documents that were notarized by a notary public*. Apostilling is done by competent authorities that are designated by each State-Party to the Convention. The full list of these designated and competent authorities in the USA may be checked through this link:

**<https://www.hcch.net/en/states/authorities/details3/?aid=353>**

For documents that are drawn or executed in the Philippines, the public is also informed that since May 14, 2019, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs has begun affixing the apostille, as proof of authentication on Philippine documents that will be used in the United States and other State-Parties to the Convention. Issued Philippine apostilled-documents may be verified through this link: **[www.dfa.gov.ph/verify-apostille](http://www.dfa.gov.ph/verify-apostille)** while a Question-and-Answer and infographics on *Authentication Through Apostille* may be found at:

**<https://www.dfa.gov.ph/dfa-news/dfa-releasesupdate/22280-question-and-answer-and-infographics-on-authentication-through-apostille>**

For further inquiries, please call the Department of Foreign Affairs' Office of Consular Affairs-Authentication Division at +63 2 55 6000; +63 2 651 9400; +63 2 234 3488.

The public is encouraged to continue to follow the Consulate's Facebook page, website ([www.chicagopcg.com](http://www.chicagopcg.com)) and the DFA website [www.dfa.gov.ph](http://www.dfa.gov.ph) for succeeding advisories and other helpful information.

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