



TRAVELLING OVERSEAS WITH MINORS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS: Notarised Documents



PUBLIC GUIDANCE



In the Falkland Islands, who is classed as a 'minor'?

- A minor is a child or young person under the age of 18.



Why do minors need notarised documentation to travel outside of the Falkland Islands?

- Provides proof that they are not being taken out of the Islands unlawfully .
- Supports international conventions to prevent child abduction.
- Reduces risk of travel being prevented, either by the airline, or the country of destination.



When might notarised documents be needed to travel with a minor?

If travelling as one parent/a single parent, the following documents will need to be notarised:

- Identification for child (e.g. passport)
- Evidence of your relationship with the minor, e.g. a birth or adoption certificate
- A letter giving permission for the minor to travel from the other parent named on the birth certificate (where applicable)
- Depending on the country of destination, an apostille may also be needed.

***If your surname has changed since the birth of the minor, you will also need evidence of this notarised, for example a marriage certificate or a deed poll.**



What about minors travelling unaccompanied?

- A minor can travel unaccompanied, but certain arrangements need to be made before travelling.
- These should be confirmed by you with your flight provider before travelling.
- If the flight provider requests notarised documents for the unaccompanied minor, please contact the AG's Chambers for advice on what you need to do next.

What is an Apostille?



- An "Apostille" is a certificate attached to documents for use in countries signed up to the Hague Convention 1961.
- After the Notary has witnessed the documents, the apostille is then signed by His Excellency the Governor, to verify the Notary Public who issued the apostille. This is often referred to as 'legalisation'.
- The Apostille certifies the documents so that they can be recognised legally in Hague Convention countries (see list overleaf).



Hague Convention: Countries List

The countries listed below are signed up to the Convention, and recognise apostilles as legal authorisation of a document.

The purpose of the Hague Abduction Convention is to;

"protect children from the harmful effects of international abduction by a parent by encouraging the prompt return of abducted children to their country of habitual residence, and to organize or secure the effective rights of access to a child."

- **Albania**
- **Andorra**
- **Antigua and Barbuda**
- **Argentina**
- **Armenia**
- **Australia**
- **Austria**
- **Azerbaijan**
- **Bahamas**
- **Bahrain**
- **Barbados**
- **Belarus**
- **Belgium**
- **Belize**
- **Bolivia**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Botswana**
- **Brazil**
- **Brunei Darussalam**
- **Bulgaria**
- **Burundi**
- **Cape Verde**
- **Chile**
- **China, People's Republic of (Hong Kong & Macao Only)**
- **Colombia**
- **Cook Islands**
- **Costa Rica**
- **Croatia**
- **Cyprus**
- **Czech Republic**
- **Denmark**
- **Dominica**
- **Dominican Republic**
- **Ecuador**
- **El Salvador**
- **Estonia**
- **Fiji**
- **Finland**
- **France**

- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Jamaica
- Kazakhstan
- Korea, Republic of
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyzstan
- Latvia
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malawi
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Moldova, Republic of
- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Namibia
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niue
- North Macedonia, Republic of
- Norway
- Oman
- Palau
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- San Marino
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Suriname
- Swaziland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tajikistan
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela





What you need to do :

- Make an appointment with us by telephone or email well in advance of travel date.
- **Send us copies of the minor's identity documents and any other documents that need to be notarised.**
- If these are not in English please attach a translated copy too.
- Come to your appointment with the number of copies you need of the documents, and one extra for our records.
- Your child does not need to attend the appointment with you.
- Bring your identification documents, and those of the minor travelling with you.
- Bring payment. You can pay FIG by cash, cheque or transfer slip.
- Charge for a notary with apostille is: £36
- Notary (without apostille): £26 and 50p per page copied.



What we do :

- We create the certificate needed for the Notary to sign.
- The Notary witnesses you sign any documents needed to authorise travel and/or certifies your identification from a passport or ID card.
- They attach their stamp and seal to the certificate.
- If needed we prepare the apostille with the Public Seal attached, and get it signed by His Excellency the Governor.
- We contact you when the documents are ready to collect.
- We keep one set for our records.



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