

**EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
IN THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY**

NOTICE

on the Use of Apostilles in Place of Consular Legalisation

from 11 September 2026

1. General information

Viet Nam has acceded to the Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents (the Apostille Convention). The Convention enters into force for Viet Nam on 11 September 2026.

From that date, in relations between Viet Nam and Contracting Parties for which the Convention is in force with Viet Nam, public documents executed in one Contracting Party and produced for use in the other will, in principle, require only a single certificate, known as an Apostille, in place of consular legalisation.

An Apostille certifies the authenticity of the signature, the capacity in which the person signing the document has acted and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which the public document bears. An Apostille does not certify the content of the document.

2. Change at the Embassy of Viet Nam in Norway

From 11 September 2026, the Embassy of Viet Nam in Norway will cease to accept applications for consular legalisation of Norwegian public documents that fall within the scope of the Apostille Convention.

This applies to public documents falling within the exemption from consular legalisation established by the Apostille Convention. For documents outside the scope of the Convention, the Embassy of Viet Nam continues to provide consular legalisation as set out in section 5 below.

3. Documents issued in Norway for use in Viet Nam

For Norwegian public documents that fall within the scope of the Apostille Convention, please apply directly to the competent Norwegian authority for the issuance of an Apostille, as indicated in section 7 below.

A public document bearing a valid Apostille may be used in Viet Nam without further consular legalisation. Where a Vietnamese translation is required, the translation must comply with the applicable laws and regulations of Viet Nam.

4. Vietnamese documents for use in Norway

The Embassy of Viet Nam in Norway does not issue Apostilles. Vietnamese public documents requiring an Apostille for use abroad must be submitted to a competent authority designated by Viet Nam for the issuance of Apostilles.

Information on the competent authorities, application requirements, fees and processing times is available at apostille.lanhsuvietnam.gov.vn.

5. Cases in which consular legalisation remains available at the Embassy of Viet Nam

The Embassy of Viet Nam shall continue to receive and process applications for the legalization of documents issued in Norway that fall outside the scope of application of the Apostille Convention and, therefore, are not eligible for an Apostille certificate issued by the competent authorities of Norway, but are certified under the traditional legalization procedure. Such documents may include administrative documents directly related to commercial or customs activities, in accordance with the domestic law of the country concerned.

Whether a document falls within the scope of the Convention is determined by the law of the State in which it was executed. Any document bearing an Apostille issued by the competent authority of Norway may be used in Viet Nam without consular legalisation.

6. Documents legalised before 11 September 2026

Documents legalised through consular channels before 11 September 2026 remain valid for use in Viet Nam in accordance with applicable Vietnamese laws and regulations. There is no need to obtain an Apostille solely because the Apostille Convention enters into force for Viet Nam on 11 September 2026.

Apostilles issued by a competent Norwegian authority before 11 September 2026 for documents intended for use in Viet Nam may be accepted

from 11 September 2026, subject to the applicable requirements of the Apostille Convention and Vietnamese law.

7. Competent authority for the issuance of Apostilles in Norway

Item	Details
Name of the authority	Statsforvalteren (County Governor, the representative of the Norwegian Government at county level) of the county (fylke) where the document was issued
Address	Norway has a Statsforvalteren office for each county (fylke); please look up the office responsible for the county where the document was issued at the website below
Telephone, e-mail	Varies by office (see details at the website below)
Website	https://www.statsforvalteren.no/en/ (select the county where the document was issued for specific contact details)
e-Register (online verification)	N/A

8. Contact

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Thank you for your attention.

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