

BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Apostille or Certificate of Authentication

What is an Apostille?

An apostille is required to authenticate the document for international use. Students in these situations will need an Apostille to verify their academic transcripts or diploma for recognition in another country.

How do I process a request for an Apostille?

There are 2 separate ways to complete an Apostille.

1. [Digital Diplomas](#) serve as an alternative to the Apostille.

Buffalo State now offers digital diplomas. The digital diploma is a fast, free, and secure way to verify the authenticity of your degree. Many countries not only recognize digital diplomas, but they also prefer them.

Order yours here: <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/34006/institution>

2. In rare cases where a [digital diploma](#) is not accepted, please follow these steps when requesting an apostille/certification of your physical diploma and transcripts:

- A. Bring your diploma or mail to the Registrar's Office:

SUNY Buffalo State
Registrar's Office
MOOT 210
1300 Elmwood Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14222

- i. Include a signed written request to notarize your document including phone number and the name and address you would like mailed to on your behalf.
- ii. For a transcript that needs to be notarized, you must order online:
<https://registrar.buffalostate.edu/transcript-ordering>
 - You will select the option of: **Notarization** and delivery method of pick up/mail ('Official Notarized') so the transcript will be printed & notarized for you.
 - Your documents will be forwarded to the Associate Registrar at Buffalo State who will certify these are true documents in the presence of a notary public. *Please be advised that same day service is not available at this location.
 - Your documents will be returned to you via the method you had indicated on your request after they have been notarized. *The Registrar's Office is unable to forward your notarized documents either to the Erie County Clerk's office or the NYS Records Bureau.*

B. You must then mail or take your documents to the:

Erie County Clerk’s Office Notary Desk

92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

(Tel. 858-8865). This office will certify that your documents are properly notarized.

Note: There is a \$3 fee per authentication for this service. You may pay either by check or money order, payable to “Erie County Clerk”, or in cash if you are there in person.

**If you choose to mail your documents, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so your document can be returned to you.

It is also recommended that you use certified mail to ensure that your documents do not get lost in the mail.

C. After your document is certified by the Erie County Clerk’s office, you must send it to the **New York Secretary of State** for final approval with **Request**:

Mailing Information:

New York State Department of State
Division of Licensing Services

OR

New York Department of State
Division of Licensing Services

Apostille and Authentication Unit

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123 William Street

PO Box 22001

New York, NY 10038

Albany, NY 12201-2001

Please note: If you utilize **express services** or **next day ground services** such as **UPS, Federal Express, DHL, etc.** you should use the physical address of the building.

Albany Physical Address

NYS Department of State
Division of Licensing Services
1 Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Avenue, 6th Floor
Albany, NY 12231

****Important note about Apostille and Certification of Authentication Services: Apostille and Certification of Authentication documents may be dropped off for processing. Customers may provide prepaid envelopes for priority returns. Priority appointments based on travel plans within two weeks may be scheduled at our Albany or New York City customer service office. For further information, please visit <https://dos.ny.gov/apostilleor-certificate-authentication>***

Note: There is a \$10 fee per Apostille document. You may pay either by check or money order, payable to “N.Y.S. Department of State”, or in cash if you are there in person. **If you choose to mail your documents, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so your document can be returned to you.

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There are also full Authentication services available, see [Apostille New York](#).