



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING FROM
RUSSIA, ARMENIA, BELARUS AND KAZAKHSTAN
WILL NO LONGER NEED TO BE AUTHENTICATED
BY THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW
STARTING MAY 14, 2019**

**WHEN THE APOSTILLE CONVENTION
TAKES EFFECT IN PHILIPPINES**

With the Philippines' accession to the Apostille Convention becoming effective on **14 May 2019**, authentication services between the Philippines and State-Parties to the Convention including Russia, Armenia, Belarus, and Kazakhstan, will no longer be necessary. All **public documents** executed in these countries and which are to be used in the Philippines **no longer have to be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy in Moscow once Apostilled.**

Examples of public documents include but are not limited to: school records, civil/administrative records, and documents notarized by a notary public. Apostillization is done by each State-Party's Competent Authorities. For the full list of competent authorities, please visit: <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41>

Please note that as of the date of this advisory, new Employment Contracts notarized and Apostilled by Russian, Armenian, Belarus and Kazakhstan authorities must still be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy in Moscow in order to be recognized by the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) for the application of an Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC).

Filipinos who need to present public documents such as Birth Certificate, CENOMAR, Marriage Certificate, and NBI Clearance from the Philippines to authorities in Russia, Armenia, Belarus and Kazakhstan should get their document *Apostilled* by the DFA Office of Consular Affairs. Once *Apostilled*, these documents no longer need to be further authenticated by the Philippine Embassy in Moscow.

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