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Algeria

Algeria implements Apostille Convention, simplifying authentication of public documents

Executive summary

Effective 9 July 2026, Algeria has implemented the Hague Apostille Convention, replacing consular legalization requirements for certain public documents exchanged between Algeria and other Convention member countries. The change is expected to streamline document authentication processes for foreign workers, students, assignees and accompanying family members, while reducing administrative burdens for employers.

Key developments

As of 9 July 2026, public documents issued in Algeria for use in other Convention member countries, and eligible foreign public documents intended for use in Algeria, may be authenticated through an Apostille certificate rather than consular legalization.

Algerian citizens may request Apostilles through the national [platform](#) or directly from the competent authorities authorized to issue the certificate. Apostille stamps (Algerian dinar 1500 per document) are also available through tax offices and Algérie Poste offices.

The measure currently applies only to public documents issued by the following ministries:

- Ministry of the Interior and Local Authorities
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- Ministry of National Education
- Ministry of Vocational Training and Professional Education

The new process is expected to simplify the authentication of documents commonly used in immigration and mobility matters, including civil status records, educational credentials and judicial documents.

For foreign workers and their dependents, the change may reduce the time and administrative effort required to prepare supporting documents for visa, residence permit and work authorization applications. Students may also benefit when submitting academic documents for educational purposes abroad or in Algeria.

Traditional legalization requirements will continue to apply to documents issued by authorities not yet covered by the Apostille framework and to documents intended for use in countries that are not parties to the Convention.

Impact on employers

Employers may benefit from faster preparation of supporting documentation for immigration, assignment and mobility processes involving Algeria and other Apostille Convention member countries. The streamlined process may reduce administrative complexity, processing times and costs associated with document authentication.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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