

Turkey Launches E-Apostille System

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The national post and telegraph directorate of Turkey, Posta ve Telgraf Teşkilatı Anonim Şirketi ("**PTT**"), has launched the e-Apostille system as of 1 January 2019. The e-Apostille system will enable online certification of public documents issued in Turkey. At present, the system only applies to documents related to criminal records and court decisions.

The apostille certification ensures that, documents issued by a contracting state to The Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (dated 6 October 1961) are also valid in other contracting states.

The e-Apostille system aims to process apostille certifications of documents issued in Turkey, in a safe electronic environment by using electronic signatures and time stamps.

As of 1 January 2019, the e-Apostille applications can be made through the website www.eapostil.gov.tr only for criminal records and court decisions. The service fees are determined as TRY 25 (including VAT) for criminal records, and TRY 50 (including VAT) for court decisions, regardless of the number of pages.

PTT announced that the e-Apostille system for the following documents is also in progress:

- Identity Register Copy
- Birth Certificate Copy
- Death Certificate Copy
- Marriage Certificate Copy
- Name Equivalence Copy
- Diploma
- Transcript
- Company formation documents, work completion certificates.

Please see this [link](#) for further information on e-Apostille (only available in Turkish).

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