

## HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

TITLE 2

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

## SUBTITLE 1

## ADMINISTRATION

## CHAPTER 3

## APOSTILLES AND CERTIFICATIONS

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**§2-3-1 Purpose.** The purpose of these rules is to implement Act 133, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, which establishes the apostilles and certifications special fund and requires the office of the lieutenant governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non-apostille certification.

[Eff \_\_\_\_\_] (Auth: HRS §27J-4) (Imp: HRS  
§§27J-2, 27J-3)

**\$2-3-2 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

"Apostille" means a certification issued to authenticate documents pursuant to the Hague Treaty.

"Hague Treaty" refers to the convention, adopted in the Hague in 1961, that created a simplified form of document certification for countries that joined the convention.

"Non-apostille certification" means a certification issued by the lieutenant governor to authenticate a document for a country that does not recognize the Hague Treaty.

"Office" means the office of the lieutenant governor. [Eff \_\_\_\_\_] (Auth: HRS §27J-4) (Imp: HRS §27J-1)

**§2-3-3 Fees.** (a) From the effective date of this chapter until December 31, 2026, the office shall assess a non-refundable fee of \$3 for the issuance of an apostille or non-apostille certification. Effective January 1, 2027, the fee shall be \$5.

(b) The fees collected pursuant to this section shall be made payable to the office. Fees shall be deposited to the credit of the apostilles and certification special fund. [Eff \_\_\_\_\_]  
(Auth: HRS §27J-4) (Imp: HRS §27J-2)