

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Adoption of Chapter 2-3
Hawaii Administrative Rules

June 30, 2025

SUMMARY

Chapter 2-3, Hawaii Administrative Rules,
entitled "Apostilles and Certifications", is adopted.

HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

TITLE 2

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

SUBTITLE 1

ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 3

APOSTILLES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- §2-3-1 Purpose
- §2-3-2 Definitions
- §2-3-3 Fees

§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 JUL 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §27J-4) (Imp: HRS §§27J-2, 27J-3)

§2-3-2

§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 JUL 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §27J-4) (Imp: HRS §27J-1)

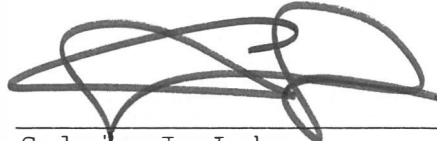
§2-3-3 Fees. (a) From the effective date of this chapter until December 31, 2026, the office shall assess a non-refundable fee of \$3 for the issuance of an apostille or non-apostille certification. Effective January 1, 2027, the fee shall be \$5.

(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 JUL 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §27J-4) (Imp: HRS §27J-2)

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Chapter 2-3, Hawaii Administrative Rules, on the Summary Page dated June 30, 2025, was adopted on June 30, 2025, following a public hearing held on June 24, 2025, after public notice was given in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on May 20, 2025.

The adoption of chapter 2-3 shall take effect ten days after filing with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



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