



Missions
of the Federal Republic of Germany
in the United Arab Emirates

Legalization of UAE Certificates

for use within the Federal Republic of Germany

In international law, legalization is the process of authenticating or certifying a legal document so a foreign country's legal system will recognize it as with full legal effect. Authentication by legalization is widely used in international commerce and civil law matters in those jurisdictions where the simpler apostille system has not been adopted.

Legalization is usually required by German authorities before they will allow a UAE document to be used for official purposes in Germany. You can get a UAE public document 'legalized' - this means a signature, seal or stamp made by a UAE public official on the document is confirmed as genuine by the German Consulate General in Dubai. It does not authenticate the content of the document.

Before a document is legalized, a check is made to ensure the public official has the authority to sign the document. By authenticating the signature and seal of the final official a foreign jurisdiction can authenticate the entire chain of verifications back to the entity responsible for issuing the original document (certified as genuine). We carry out a visual match of the official's original signature against that held on our database.

A document can be legalized if the following criteria are met:

- Certificates must be **issued by a UAE authority**. Documents not issued in the UAE cannot be legalized by the German missions here. This also includes documents issued by other embassies or entities in the UAE.
- The pre-legalized original or copy needs to be presented. Private documents, cannot be legalised.
- Please ensure to get **the necessary certification/verification** either from the **Consular Section of the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abu Dhabi or other relevant authorities in one of the Emirates** first.

For further information on the legalization service please visit the website of the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

Legalizations can only be executed by the **Consulate General in Dubai**.

Applicants need to book an appointment under the following link: [appointment system](#)

The fees for legalization range from EUR 25 to EUR 45. At the Consulate General in Dubai, the fees for consular services can be paid only in cash in AED.