Apostille Convention

On **30 January 2012**, the 1961 *Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents* entered in force for the Sultanate of Oman. This Convention - commonly referred to as the **Apostille Convention** - abolishes the legalisation procedure in different countries and is in force in over 100 countries, including the Federal Republic of Germany.

1. Procedure for using Omani public document in Germany:

   - **Omani Public document**
   - **To be used in Germany**
   - **Request Apostille from MFA in Oman**
   - **Directly use the document with Apostille in Germany**

2. Procedure for using German public document in Oman:

   - **German public document**
   - **To be used in Oman**
   - **Request Apostille from legalisation office in Germany**
   - **Directly use the document with Apostille in Oman**

Legalisation office in Germany for documents issued by German Federal authorities:

[http://www.bva.bund.de/EN/Themen/Citizens_Associations/Apostilles_authentication/node.html](http://www.bva.bund.de/EN/Themen/Citizens_Associations/Apostilles_authentication/node.html)

Please note that the Federal Office of Administration (BVA) is responsible for issuing apostille solely for certificates issued by German federal agencies (Federal ministries, Federal Office of Justice, Federal courts) It is not responsible for affixing Apostille to official registry or court documents, or documents issued by state or local authorities. In this case please contact the issuing authority directly for advice where to apply for an Apostille.