



Consulado General de España
Montreal, Canadá

FACT SHEET: LEGALIZATION OF CANADIAN DOCUMENTS

Canada is not a member of The Hague Convention. Therefore, all Canadian documents must be legalized through diplomatic channels in order to be valid in Spain and previously authenticated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada.

Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs: [http://www.international.gc.ca/Global Affairs Canada/Services/Authentication of Documents](http://www.international.gc.ca/GlobalAffairsCanada/Services/AuthenticationofDocuments)

Please note that these legalizations are subject to consular fees, which must be paid in cash, money order or certified cheque to the CONSULADO GENERAL DE ESPAÑA. You will find an updated list of consular fees on our website.

There are different methods of legalization depending on the nature of the document to be legalized:

- **By legal process:** This applies to legal documents (court orders, decisions, court rulings, etc.), to documents referring to civil status (birth, marriage and death certificates, etc.) and to Canadian police certificates.
- **By notary:** This applies to public deeds, notary certificates and in general to all documents that can be authorized by notary, either the original, a copy or in affidavit, and to legitimizations and legalizations by a notary.
- **Academic documents:** This applies to diplomas and grades certificates of primary, secondary, collegial and university education. For other types of documents, verify the steps on the Global Affairs Canada website.
- **Private documents, certificates from professional associations (medical doctors, etc.), criminal record checks:** The signatures on these documents must be notarized.