

LEGALISATION OF UK DOCUMENTS

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Legalisation is the official confirmation that a signature, seal or stamp on an official public document is genuine. UK public documents are legalised with an apostille attached by the Legalisation Office. To get a UK document legalised for use in Vietnam, you need to:

Contact the FCO Legalisation Office in the UK

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised> to check if the document can be legalised by using the 'Check your documents' option. Your document may require certification by a UK Solicitor or Notary Public before it can be legalised. You should apply online for the legalisation service.

The turnaround time is normally 2 working days excluding postage time, or up to 10 days during peak periods around Easter and summer.

The Legalisation Office can return your documents by courier to you in Vietnam or an address in the UK, including the Vietnamese Embassy. If you need any help with your application please email: legalisationenquiries@fco.gsi.gov.uk

And then have the documents legalised by the Vietnamese Embassy in London

You can either go in person or send the documents by courier.

Contact the Vietnamese Embassy (at <http://www.vietnamembassy.org.uk> & consular@vietnamembassy.org.uk) for further advice about the cost and postal arrangements before you send your documents. Their published turnaround time for legalising documents is 5 working days, excluding postage time.

Notice:

You can either do this yourself or employ a commercial provider to do it on your behalf.

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