

## Apostille of Duplicate Diploma and/or Official Transcript Request Information and Form

Empire State University offers an Apostille or certification of authentication process that certifies academic documents, specifically, duplicate diplomas and transcripts for SUNY Empire students and alumni.

An Apostille is an authentication of a public document issued pursuant to the 1961 Hague Convention abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents. The convention provides for the simplified certification of public (including notarized) documents to be used in countries that have joined the convention. Under the Hague Convention, signatory countries have agreed to recognize public documents issued by other signatory countries if those public documents are authenticated by the attachment of an internationally recognized form of authentication known as an Apostille. The Apostille ensures that public documents issued in one signatory country will be recognized as valid in another signatory country. (www.dos.ny.gov/licensing/apostille.html)

If the country **is** a member of the Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, then the document is authenticated at the New York State Department of State.

If the country **is not** a member of the Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, then the document **does** need certificates of authentication by both the New York State Department of State and the U.S. Department of State.

## Duplicate Diploma(s) and Official Transcripts

In order to process this request, you will need to complete the request form and send or fax to the address/fax number listed below. You must sign your request and be sure to include your name (exactly as you wish it to appear on your diploma), mailing address, and student ID number.

The quickest way to process this request will be for you to send SUNY Empire separate money orders for each of the associated costs listed below. Please note that the Saratoga County Clerk only accepts New York state checks or money orders. Alternatively, send a check payable to SUNY Empire for the total amount.

- \$3 made payable to the Saratoga County Clerk for fees,
- \$10 made payable to the NYS Department of State for fees, and
- \$20 made payable to the U.S. Department of State for fees (only for non-Hague member) and
- See form for shipping cost and options.

## Important Information About Your Transcript

- Transcripts cannot be released without your handwritten signature.
- Transcripts will not be issued for students or alumni who have outstanding financial obligations to the university.
- Your transcript consists of a degree program (if approved at the time of the transcript request) and a transcript summary.
- Official transcripts opened prior to being delivered to a third party might not be considered official.
- We do **not** produce electronic transcripts.
- The fee for an official transcripts is \$10 per copy.



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All diploma(s) and/or transcript(s) will not be released without your signature.