



Some of the Common Notary Mistakes Resulting in a Rejection for an Apostille

- 1 Non original signatures and Notary stamp: All signatures, both document signers and the Notary's must be original And the Notary Stamp as well.
- 2 Notarization of a record-able document, such as a birth certificate, court filing, marriage license. In general, notaries public may not certify or attest to copies of any publicly **recordable documents**
- 3 Notary acknowledgment is not in English. While the body of a document can be in a foreign language, the notary acknowledgment must be in English
- 4 Notary acknowledgment is in the body of the document. The acknowledgment must be separate from the body of the document.
- 5 The notarial act is not dated. The date in the body of the document will not suffice.
- 6 In a translation the translator is also the notary. A translator cannot notarize their own translation
- 7 Translations must include a copy of the original document
- 8 No destination Country is specified. The SOS must know the country of destination
- 9 The information on the Notary seal does not match the records of the Texas Sec of State. You can check the status of your notary at:

<https://direct.sos.state.tx.us/notaries/NotarySearch.asp>

More info at:

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/authfaqs.shtml>

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