

Hatten Wyatt - Notaries

Services

Notaries provide various services to clients which include:

- the authentication of execution of documents
- the authentication of contents of documents
- the attestation of signatures and execution of documents
- the administration of oaths, attestations and declarations
- the noting of shipping protests and extensions to the protests
- the presentation of bills of exchange, noting and protesting bills where these have been dishonoured
- drawing of raffles, lotteries, bonds and other prizes
- the verification of documentation as to its translation (via a translator)
- the interpretation of documentation via an interpreter and confirmation of understanding
- the preparation and attestation of powers of attorney for use overseas
- the verification of company documents
- the verification and certification of personal documentation for the purpose of immigration, emigration, job applications, educational certificates and adoption

The above should not be taken as an exhaustive list of services which are provided by a notary. If you have specific requests then please contact us to discuss these further.

Legalisation

Documents which are notarised in England & Wales which are intended to be used outside of our jurisdiction may need additional formality depending upon the requirements of the receiving jurisdiction. It is unusual for notarised document to be accepted without further formality. The receiving jurisdiction may require that the notarised document has either an “apostille” or “consular legalisation”.

Countries which are part of The Hague Convention of 1961 have agreed to abolish the requirement of “consular legislation” and instead are willing to accept a certificate known as an “apostille”.

An “apostille” is currently issued by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the cost of which varies depending on whether the express or postal service is selected. Where instructed we can arrange for agents to attend upon the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for the process to be completed expeditiously.

Where “consular legalisation” is required by other countries, the notarial document has to be legalised by their



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own embassy (or another embassy representing their interest) in England or Wales. The notarised document is presented to the embassy, consulate or other diplomatic representation of the country where the document is to be relied upon. We are able to arrange for legalisation at all of the embassies in England and Wales. The cost of “consular legalisation” can vary enormously between different embassies, as well as between private matters and corporate or business matters.

We shall use our expertise and advise you as to whether full “consular legalisation” or an “apostille” is needed in relation to your matter.

A Separate Profession

It should be noted that notaries are an independent branch of the legal profession and their practice as notaries is quite separate from their practice of any other profession or business, and is not controlled by the rules affecting solicitors. Notarial services are provided through Hatten Wyatt Notaries and are conducted under rules governing notaries.

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