

<u>Translation Policy</u> <u>for documents requiring BC Authentication</u>

If all or part of your document is in a language other than English, the document must first be translated to English before being **notarized as a set** (original with translation) by a BC Notary Public (BC lawyer or BC non-lawyer notary) who is on file with this office.

The original source document with its translation **must be notarized together** as a set. Unnotarized or separately notarized translations will not be accepted for authentication.

The notarized set (original with translation) will then be authenticated together by our office, as a single translated document.

It is recommended to check with the notary or lawyer before sending your document to be translated and involve them in the translation process, to avoid any issues with notarizing the translated document (original with translation).

There are 2 options for translation:

OPTION 1

Have your document translated by a Certified Translator. This means a translator who is certified through one of the following societies:

- the https://stibc.org/certified-translator/ (STIBC) or,
- another Member Society of https://www.cttic.org/member-societies/(CTTIC)

Translations done by a client or consultant **will not be accepted** unless the client or consultant is also a Certified Translator and a member of one of the societies mentioned above.

Translations done by Associate Members of these societies will only be accepted if there is no Certified Translator listed for that language in any of the **STIBC or CTTIC** society directories.

OPTION 2

Have your document translated by a BC Notary Public (BC lawyer or BC non-lawyer notary) who is on file with this office, and fluent in both languages.

The lawyer or notary must also attach a declaration that includes the following statements:

- They attest to speaking both languages, and
- They certify the accuracy of the translation.

See below for a sample translation declaration:

SAMPLE TRANSLATION DECLARATION

I, [name of lawyer or notary], [title/credentials], hereby declare that I am fluent in both languages and did translate the attached document(s) from [foreign language] to English, and to the best of my knowledge, the translation accurately reflects the contents and meaning of the original.

List of translated document(s):

- 1. [document type], [person named on document] one page, double-sided
- 2. [document type], [person named on document] two pages, single-sided
- 3. [document type], [person named on document] three pages, single-sided

This translation package comprises seven (7) pages including the statement page.

DATE:

LAWYER OR NOTARY NAME/SIGNATURE:

LAWYER OR NOTARY SEAL:

Exceptions

These types of documents do not need to be accompanied by translations:

- Diplomas issued by recognized Canadian educational institutions in Latin or Greek.
- Official bilingual English-French documents issued by a Canadian government agency.

These types of documents <u>may not</u> need to be accompanied by translations:

- ➤ Proof of life documents (also known as life certificates) drafted in a foreign language related to a foreign pension benefit. The text must not exceed half a page and on the application form you must indicate that it is a proof of life document. If the text is longer than half a page, it must be translated according to the Translation Requirements above.
- Standard official bilingual or multilingual forms or templates (in which English is one of the languages) that are issued by an embassy or consulate. [See sample image at the end of this document]

Translations from English to other languages

In some cases, other offices or countries may require that English documents authenticated by our office be translated into other languages. Check first to find out if the other office or country also requires this translation to be authenticated with the original English document.

- If the other offices or countries do require the translation to be authenticated, it must be translated according to the Translation Requirements above.
- If the other offices or countries do not require the translation to be authenticated, please do not send the translation in with your English document to be authenticated. You do not need to follow our Translation Requirements, instead you may choose whatever translation method is acceptable to the other office or country that requested it of you.

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