

**PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW BEFORE VISITING OUR CONSULAR
LEGALIZATION UNIT**

- **VALIDITY OF THE DOCUMENTS IS 6 MONTHS AND DOCUMENTS OLDER THAN 6 MONTHS CANNOT BE LEGALIZED.**
- **FOR THE DOCUMENTS TO BE VALID, THEY MUST BEAR A RECENT DATE, THE SEAL OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY, AND THE NAME STAMP OF THE SIGNATORY.**

FOR DOCUMENTS ISSUED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES:

- **DOCUMENTS MUST BE LEGALIZED BY EMBASSIES IN ANKARA BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO OUR LEGALIZATION UNIT.**
- **IF DOCUMENTS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES ARE TO BE USED IN OUR COUNTRY, THEY MUST BE TRANSLATED BY A SWORN TRANSLATOR AND LEGALIZED BY A NOTARY.**
- **DOCUMENTS WITH AN APOSTILLE ARE RECOGNIZED DIRECTLY BY AUTHORITIES IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE APOSTILLE CONVENTION. THEREFORE, DOCUMENTS WITH AN APOSTILLE CANNOT BE LEGALIZED BY OUR MINISTRY.**
- **IF A DOCUMENT IS TO BE USED ABROAD, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CHECK ONLINE WHETHER THE RELEVANT COUNTRY IS A PARTY TO THE APOSTILLE CONVENTION.**
- **IF THE COUNTRY IS A PARTY TO THE APOSTILLE CONVENTION, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENT TO OUR MINISTRY, INSTEAD, AN APOSTILLE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNORSHIPS OR DISTRICT GOVERNORSHIPS. AS FOR JUDICIAL DOCUMENTS, THE APOSTILLE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM COURTHOUSES.**
- **OUR MINISTRY ONLY LEGALIZES THE SIGNATURES AND SEALS OF DOCUMENTS CERTIFIED BY GOVERNORSHIPS AND DISTRICT GOVERNORSHIPS, AND EMBASSIES IN ANKARA, WITHOUT CERTIFYING THE CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENTS.**