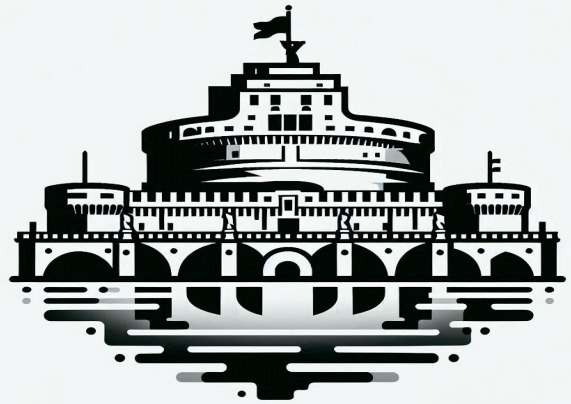


# CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENT



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If you need a **certified copy** of a UK document, it must be certified by a **UK solicitor** or **notary public** before being legalised. If you are abroad, certification should be done by a **local notary** or an individual authorised under the relevant jurisdiction.

As an **English solicitors based in Rome**, we may be able to assist with document certification, including:

- **Certified copies of UK documents** (e.g., passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, and academic records).
- **Certification of Italian documents** for use in the UK or internationally.
- **Notarial equivalents** where permitted.
- **Sworn translations** where a certified copy must be accompanied by a legal translation.

For UK documents that need certification, the following laws apply:

- **Solicitors Act 1974 (UK)** – Authorises solicitors in England and Wales to certify copies of documents.
- **Legal Services Act 2007 (UK)** – Governs legal activities including the certification of documents.
- **Hague Apostille Convention (1961)** – Provides for the authentication of documents for use in member countries.

For Italian documents, the certification process is regulated by:

- **Italian Presidential Decree No. 445/2000** – Governs self-certifications and certified copies in Italy.
- **Italian Notarial Law (Legge Notarile, R.D. 16 febbraio 1913, n. 89)** – Defines the role of notaries in Italy, who may be required for certain certifications.

It is important to verify whether a UK-certified document will be accepted in Italy or vice versa, as additional legalisation steps may be required.

While we strive to assist in certification matters, **some certifications may not be possible under local laws**. In such cases, we will endeavour to find an alternative solution for our clients, including referring them to the appropriate legal professional or authority.