

Documents required for eligibility check for Masa Fast Track

Below are definitions and a list of documents for checking files for Masa Fast Track applicants

Definitions:

<u>Passport validity</u> – passport needs to be valid for at least one year from approximate draft date

<u>Proof of Judaism –</u> document proving connection to Judaism: confirmation of Judaism from a recognized rabbi of a recognized congregation, or from a recognized Beit Din (from all streams), from the candidate's permanent country of residence.

The confirmation needs to be written on an official letterhead of the community/Beit Din, dated and signed by hand (digital signatures are not accepted).

<u>Authenticated documents – </u>

According to international law, every public document (birth, criminal record etc.) needs bear authentication that the certificate is official, original, and was issued by the relevant authority. There are two ways to authenticate a document, with an Apostille or with a Chain of Signatures.

The method of authentication of the document depends on whether the country in which the document was issued has joined the Hauge convention. <u>List of countries that are part of the convention</u>.

- 1. <u>Apostille Authentication</u> the apostille is only valid for documents that were issued in countries that are members of the Hauge convention. It is important to make sure the Apostille verifies the signature of the clerk that signed the public document and not a notary who signed a "true to the original" copy.
- 2. <u>Chain of Signatures</u> Authentication of documents that were issued in countries that are not part of the Hauge convention, is done by a chain of signatures verifying the signature of the clerk that signed the document:
 - <u>a.</u> The Ministry of Justice verifies the signature of the official that signed the public document
 - b. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs verifies the signature of the Ministry of Justice
 - c. The local Israeli consulate verifies the signature of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

List of documents by status

Jewish from birth, 4b under the Law of return who was born to a Jewish Mother

- Birth certificate with parents' names, authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures)
- Proof of Judaism stated that was born to a Jewish mother, with the applicant's name and mother's name as lusted on birth certificate
- Valid passport
- Criminal background Check, with authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures), from every country the applicant lived in over the age of 14

Jewish by conversion, 4b under the Law of return – convert

- Birth certificate with parents' names, authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures)
- Valid passport
- Conversion certificate
- Letter from the converting rabbi, detailing the nature and process of conversion, including the subjects that were taught and for how many hours.
- Personal letter from the applicant with his reasons for conversion, detailing the nature and process of conversion, how many hours and detailing his participation in the community during and after the conversion
- Confirmation of participating in a Jewish community for at least 9 months after the conversion
- Criminal background Check, with authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures), from every country the applicant lived in over the age of 14
- *An applicant who converted before the age of 12 is only required to provide a conversion certificate and confirmation of participating in a Jewish community
- ** An applicant who was born to a Jewish parent/grandparent is only required to provide a conversion certificate and confirmation of participating in a Jewish community, assuming they were able to provide eligibly as child/grandchild of a Jew according to the regulations.
- *** an applicant who converted more than 10 years ago, is only required to provide a conversion certificate and confirmation of participating in a Jewish community

Child of a Jew, (4a under the Law of Return)

- Birth certificate with parents' names, authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures)
- Valid passport
- Proof of Judaism under the name of the Jewish father which states how the father is Jewish and lists his mother's name as listed on father's birth certificate

- Father's birth certificate with parents' names (in the case the father is Jewish from birth)
- Criminal background Check, with authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures), from every country the applicant lived in over the age of 14

Grandchild of a Jew, (4a under the Law of Return)

- Birth certificate with parents' names, authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures)
- Valid passport
- Proof of Judaism under the name of the Jewish grandfather which states how the grandfather is Jewish and lists his mother's name as listed on grandfather's birth certificate
- Birth certificate of the parent who is the child of a Jewish father with parents' names
- Birth certificate of the Jewish grandfather
- Criminal background Check, with authenticated (Apostille/Chain of Signatures), from every country the applicant lived in over the age of 14

^{*}The eligibility coordinator can ask for additional documents

About Police records - only for your information

Australia: https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks

Austria:

https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/dokumente_und_recht/strafregister/Seite.300020.html

Canada: https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/types-criminal-background-checks must be certified one, issued by the central RCMP office in Ottawa, not your local police department.

Denmark: https://politi.dk/en/law-and-information/certificate-of-criminal-record

France: https://casier-judiciaire.justice.gouv.fr/pages/accueil.xhtml

Germany:

https://www.bundesjustizamt.de/EN/Topics/citizen_services/BZR/Resident_abroad/Resident_abroad_node.html

Hong Kong: candidates should request it through Israeli consulate.

Italy: https://certificaticasellario.giustizia.it/sac needs notarized translation if Italian only. **Netherlands:** https://www.government.nl/topics/identification-documents/question-and-answer/how-do-i-apply-for-a-certificate-of-conduct-vog (attach form "Request for Criminal record-Holland.pdf" on Special Forms folder)

Norway: https://www.politiet.no/en/english/police-certificate-of-conduct/

Singapore: https://eservices.police.gov.sg/content/policehubhome/homepage/certificate-of-clearance-hub.html (check information for citizens / non-citizens, according to your case)

South Africa: https://www.saps.gov.za/services/applying_clearence_certificate.php

Sweden: https://polisen.se/en/services-and-permits/police-record-extracts/

Switzerland: https://www.ch.ch/en/documents-and-register-extracts/criminal-record-

certificate/#special-criminal-record-certificate

Thailand: https://pcscenter.sbpolice.go.th/en

UK: https://www.acro.police.uk/

USA - FBI: https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks Needs to be legalized with US Federal Apostille.

About Apostilles- - only for your information

Australia: https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/consular-services#notarials

Austria: https://www.bmeia.gv.at/reise-aufenthalt/urkunden-und-beglaubigung-

apostille/beglaubigung-apostille/apostille/

Denmark: https://um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/legalisation-frontpage https://um.dk/rejseog-ophold/legalisering

France: https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R47867

Netherlands: https://www.rechtspraak.nl/Organisatie-en-contact/Organisatie/Rechtbanken

Norway: https://www.statsforvalteren.no/en/portal/People-and-society/Apostille-stamps-for-

documents/

South Africa: https://www.dirco.gov.za/consular-notarial-services/

 $\textbf{Sweden:} \ https://www.government.se/government-of-sweden/ministry-for-foreign-order.} \\$

affairs/legalisations/

UK: https://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised

USA: https://www.nass.org/business-services/apostillesdocument-authentication-services

See specific information on the State in the menu on the page. Apostilles are issued only by the specific state where document was issued. There are specific rules applied by each state on its own apostille procedure, check details with the relevant office.

All countries: https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/authorities1/?cid=41