

The officer taking the affidavit asks the deponent to sign the affidavit. He then asks the deponent either to raise his right arm or to take the Holy Bible in his right hand and to repeat after him: "I swear that the statements made by me in this affidavit are true. So help me God." The officer taking the affidavit then fills in the jurat which he signs. Under his signature, he indicates his official appointment and affixes, in all cases, his seal or the seal of the mission.

c. A specimen jurat would read:

"Sworn before me at the City of)
in the State of United)"JOHN
States of America, this.... day) DOE"
of A.D. 1947"

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Canadian Consul in Portland, Maine,
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d. Consular officers charge the fees fixed in Chapter XXI.

AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

Definition

19.08. Authentication can be defined as the act of attesting to the identity of a document or signature and/or of the person signing the document. An authentication can be effected either by a series of certificates the last of which is acceptable to the country in which it is to be used, or by an affidavit if it is acceptable to the authorities interested.

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Authentication by foreign consuls in Canada.

19.10. The necessity for authenticating a Canadian document for use in a foreign country arises from the requirements of the law of those countries. Most foreign countries require that its own consular officers authenticate Canadian documents before they can be considered as valid in those countries. A foreign consular officer in Canada who has been asked to authenticate a document may thus require, before he authenticates a Canadian document, the certification of the previous signatures by the Secretary of State for External Affairs; he may be content with the certification by the Governor-General or that of the Lieutenant-Governor and, in some cases, he may be willing to certify the signature and seal of a Canadian notary public. Thus, to give an example, if an Ontarian desired to convey land in Cuba, he should ascertain (through his solicitors) what are the requirements of the Cuban law.