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## Main Points About Certified Translation

### What it is about?

We know that there is a great deal of confusion about what is a certified translation, we just want to clear up some usual misconceptions. In the U.S., a certified translation consists of the translation itself together with a signed statement by the translator or by the translation company confirming that the translated text is an accurate and complete rendering of the official document.



### The document!

This document is usually called "Certificate of Accuracy." This certification only proves that the translation is accurate, it does not mean that the translator who prepared it is "certified." In the U.S., there is no federal or state certification of translators. There is however, federal and state court certification for interpreters.





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## Can translators be certified?

Certified translations sometimes are required if you are submitting foreign-language documents to present in a court of law or in a common regulatory agency like the FDA or USCIS. Official documents such as birth certificates and college transcripts also require certification. So, if you need to submit a certified translation, remember to check first to see exactly what kind of certification you are looking for. It might need to be notarized, and the translator's qualities and/or resume may need to be attached.

## When they are required?

They all can be certified by the American Translators Association or a similar association, but this certification is not official, and a translator does not have to be certified to prepare a certified translation. Some translation companies require that the translators who work with certified translations are accredited by more than one translation associations, but this is far from universal in the industry.