

Process for UK Nationals – Authentication & Attestation of Documents Before Traveling to Kuwait

All UK nationals traveling to Kuwait for employment must complete authentication of their Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) and other required documents before arrival. Proof of authentication must be secured prior to departure from the UK, as it is required to obtain legal residency and a work permit in Kuwait.

Step 1: Police Clearance Certificate (PCC)

- Obtain one of the following:
 1. Disclosure Scotland (Basic Disclosure), or
 2. ACRO Police Certificate (Standard or Fast Track).
- The certificate must be signed either by the issuing authority (Disclosure Scotland/ACRO) or by a UK solicitor/notary public before submission to the FCDO.

Step 2: FCDO Legalization (Milton Keynes)

- Submit the original PCC (and any additional original certificates) to the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) for legalization.
- Address:
Norfolk House (West)
437 Silbury Boulevard
Milton Keynes MK9 2AH, United Kingdom
Website: www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised

Note: Photocopies are not accepted. Only original documents can be legalized.

Step 3: Kuwait Embassy Attestation (London)

- After FCDO legalization, submit the documents to the Embassy of the State of Kuwait in London for attestation.
- Include a self-addressed, stamped return envelope. The Embassy may request additional postage if insufficient.

- Address:
Embassy of the State of Kuwait
2 Albert Gate, Knightsbridge
London SW1X 7JU, United Kingdom
Tel: +44 20 7590 3400
Website: www.embassy-kuwait.com
- **Important:** Without FCDO legalisation, the Kuwait Embassy will not attest any document. Employees must always confirm the latest requirements directly with the UK FCDO and the Kuwait Embassy in London before sending documents.

Cost Overview (as of 2025):

Item	Cost (GBP)	Notes
Disclosure Scotland PCC	£25	Level 1 Basic Disclosure
ACRO PCC (Standard)	£65	Approx. 20 working days
ACRO PCC (Fast)	£115	Approx. 2 working days
FCDO Legalisation	£45	Per document
FCDO Postage (UK return)	£5.50	Per 1.5 kg package (if using mail service)
Kuwait Embassy Attestation	£15	Per personal document (PCC, academic certificates)

Note: Costs may vary depending on service type (standard vs. fast track), postage, or updated fees. Always confirm latest fees with FCDO and Kuwait Embassy before submission.

Reminders:

- Only original documents will be accepted by FCDO.
- FCDO legalization is mandatory before Kuwait Embassy attestation.
- Confirm the latest requirements and fees directly with the UK FCDO and Kuwait Embassy prior to submission.
- Keep scanned copies of all finalized documents for your records.