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Machine translation tools continue to improve, and DocsBase Canada's team keeps an eye on that progress with genuine interest, while remaining clear that improvement in casual accuracy has not changed the fundamental accountability gap that makes these tools unsuitable for anything requiring formal certification. Machine translation's weaknesses become especially apparent with documents containing handwritten annotations, stamps, or marginal notes, elements a translation engine cannot process at all but which a human translator can read, interpret and include in a certified translation as needed. DocsBase Canada's translators routinely encounter documents with exactly this kind of supplementary information, common on older foreign certificates and records, and know to flag and translate these details rather than overlooking anything outside a document's main printed text. The gap between machine translation and certified human translation tends to be most visible in idiomatic language, legal terminology with no exact equivalent in the target language, and culturally specific references that a translation engine has no context to interpret correctly. DocsBase Canada's translators bring exactly the kind of contextual judgment that closes this gap, drawing on both linguistic training and, in many cases, direct professional experience in the subject area a document covers, whether that is medical terminology, legal drafting conventions, or technical engineering vocabulary. For anyone tempted to submit a machine translated document to save time, it is worth confirming with the receiving institution directly whether that is acceptable before risking a rejected application. Call DocsBase Canada at 647-875-1474 for a proper certified translation instead.