

Necessary Documents for Foreign Nationals  
to Wed in a Civil Ceremony in Greece

1. Application (to be filled in the city the marriage will take place)
2. For foreign nationals outside of the EU a residence permit/visa/tourist card/temporary residence permit or a certificate requesting residence permit or work permit must be obtained and shown.
3. If Cypriot, an original copy of a COF must be shown (Certificate of Freedom)
4. A CNI (Certificate of No Impediment) translated is required.
  - a. This can either be obtained in the UK the Greek Consulate in the UK will issue the equivalent in Greek, or the original CNI can be translated in Greece by the Translation Bureau of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  - b. If a Greek resident in living in Greece, a CNI can be issued on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after he/she has sworn an affidavit or signed a declaration at the nearest British Consular Office to the effect that no impediment to the proposed marriage exists. He/she must be a resident in the relevant Consular District for at least 21 days prior to making such declaration.
5. Passports as forms of Identification.
6. Publication of notice of marriage to an Athenian daily newspaper.
  - a. The names in the newspaper must be in Greek letters.
  - b. Publication must occur within 40 days after the wedding day.
7. Stamp fee of 15 Euros for each spouse payable to the city treasury.

**CAUTION**

1. Prior to the marriage ceremony the couple must declare the surname of the children they plan to have. This can be the surname of either or both spouses.
2. Two (2) adult witnesses must be present at the marriage ceremony with their ID/Passports depending on their nationality.
3. All documents not in Greek or issued by Greek Authority Office will require translation by a Greek Consular Office or by the Translation Bureau of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (3 Voukourestiou Street, Athens, 105 64 – Telephone number: 0030210-3239545)