



SOUTH AFRICAN HOME AFFAIRS
Document requirements for marriages

SECTION A - DOCUMENTS required for SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS (whether residing in SA or abroad)

- A.1 **Certified copies** of SA ID book/card** of both Bride and Groom. SA passports or driver's licences are *not* accepted
- A.2 **3 ID photos** each of Bride and Groom
- A.3 **Certified copies** of ID book/card of two witnesses as well as their telephone numbers
- A.4 **If Divorced** – a certified copy of *Final Divorce Decree*
- A.5 **If widowed** – a certified copy of *Death Certificate* of deceased spouse

Kindly note : ** In the case of the new SA ID Smart card a copy of the front and the back of the card is required

SECTION B - DOCUMENTS required for ALL FOREIGN CITIZENS (including non-SA citizens carrying a green SA ID)

- B.1 **Certified copy of Passport**
- B.2 **Certified copy** of valid customs entry stamp OR Permanent residence certificate
- B.3 **If never married** – an **original Letter of Non Impediment** from your home country with **Apostille** ***
- B.4 Should your country not issue letters of Non-Impediment, an official **Affidavit from your authorities** to this effect is required as well as a **personal Affidavit** declaring your single marital status ***
- B.5 **If Divorced** – the **original copy** of **Final Divorce Decree** (court stamp clearly legible) *** as well as an **Affidavit** confirming that no marriage has been entered into since the date of divorce
- B.6 **If widowed** – the **original Death Certificate** of deceased spouse *** as well as an **Affidavit** confirming that no marriage has been entered into since the death of spouse
- B.7 **3 ID photos** each of Bride and Bridegroom
- B.8 We will prepare the **DHA-31 Affidavit** for you to sign before ourselves as Commissioner of Oaths declaring you are not in possession of a SA ID document
- B.9 **Certified copies** of ID documents of **two witnesses** as well as their contact numbers - foreigners may sign as witness in which case, a **copy of their passport** as well as the **valid customs entry stamp** is required

*** **ALL international documents** must be **originals**, with **Apostilles** & where applicable, **officially translated** in English

SECTION C - MARRIAGES between a SA CITIZEN and FOREIGN CITIZEN - Procedure to be followed

- C.1 Couples must be interviewed by an Immigrations officer of HA for purpose of determining that the marriage is not one of convenience.
- C.2 This interview has to take place **before** the date of your marriage
- C.3 **All original documents** as stipulated in **section B.1-6** have to be submitted personally to the Immigration's officers stationed at the **Bellville or Khayelitsha offices** when applying for an interview
- C.4 A **referral letter** which we will draft and email to you is required to accompany your documents.
- C.5 Immigrations require your documents to be submitted at least 2/3 weeks before the marriage to allow them enough time for verifying international documents with the Embassy concerned as well as the validity of the entry stamp at customs airport control. You will then be given a date for your interview
- C.6 A **report** will be issued after the interview granting permission for your marriage to be officiated.

We will do whatever we can to assist you but Home Affairs requires you to personally to submit these documents

KINDLY NOTE:

- a) An interview is **NOT** necessary for marriages between two **non-SA citizens**
- b) **Assylum seekers and refugees have to be married at one of the Home Affairs offices – Marriage Officers do not have authority to marry these individuals**
- c) **We are not authorized to officiate same sex marriages**

Should you be residing in other parts of SA enquire at your nearest Immigrations Office whether they are prepared to conduct this interview there, **clearly stating that you are to be married in the Western Cape** and request that the Immigration's report be forwarded to the Bellville, Western Cape office.

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