

## Consulate Service “Marriages”

### Marriage Certifications

**Marriages solemnized at the Consulate are between two individuals at least one of whom is an Indian with a residence visa of UAE. Certain procedural formalities are to be completed before the marriage is solemnized. Please refer to [FAQs on marriages](#) for further details.**

### Faq’s on Marriages

#### **What are the procedures for getting married at the Consulate?**

The procedure for getting married at the Consulate is as follows:

- The prospective bride and groom need to appear in person/before the Marriage Officer along with 3 witnesses having residence visas.
- They need to submit the prescribed form titled “Notice of Intended Marriage” duly filled in along with a fee of AED 190 in cash. The form consists of notice, declaration and sworn affidavit.
- Prescribed format for publication of Notice in newspaper is given. (Details below).
- After publication, the prospective couple needs to wait for 30 days. A date for solemnization of marriage is given provided no objections are received from any quarter.
- A day prior to the date of solemnization of marriage, original passports of the couple and witnesses are required to be submitted to the Marriage officer.
- On the scheduled date the prospective couple along with three witnesses has to come to the Consulate for solemnization of marriage.

#### **What documents are to be submitted prior to marriage at the Consulate?**

The documents to be submitted are as follows:

Notice of Intended Marriage

- 4 Passport size photos each of the prospective bride and groom
- Photocopy of the passport and residence visa of the bride or groom, whoever is an Indian national.
- Photocopy of passports of 3 witnesses having residence visa.
- The prospective bride and groom and the 3 witnesses should also carry their original passports for verification at the time of submission of Notice.

#### **When are the signatures to be put up by the prospective bride and groom and the witnesses?**

**This needs to be done at the time of submission of Notice in front of the concerned Consulate officer.**

What formalities are to be completed before the marriage can be solemnized?

- Notice in the prescribed format is to be published in widely circulated newspapers in home country, at the place of permanent residence as indicated in the passports of bride and groom, and in UAE.  
In case both bride and groom are from same state in India , notice is to be published only in one news paper of that particular state
- After the publication of Notice, the applicants are required to submit the concerned newspapers.

**What formalities are to be completed before the marriage can be solemnized if one among the prospective couple is:**

- (a) Not an Indian?  
A No-Impediment (singleness) Certificate is to be obtained from their respective Consulate, which should be duly attested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of UAE.
- In case, where the Consulate does not issue such a certificate, a sworn affidavit attested by the respective Consulate of the non-Indian applicant needs to be submitted.
- A certificate from the Consulate of Non-Indian applicant stating that their country's respective law does not prohibit their nationals from getting married to foreign nationals
- (b) A divorcee?  
A decree of divorce duly attested by the Home Department of the respective State Government in India, in case the divorce had taken place in India. In case divorce has taken place in UAE, the divorce certificate needs to be attested by MOFA, UAE.
- (c) A UAE national?  
A no objection letter from the Foreign Ministry of UAE is to be obtained.

**How is the prospective couple informed about the date of solemnization of marriage and when?**

There is a mandatory wait period of 30 days after publication of advertisement in the newspapers. The prospective couple can contact the Consulate on any day after publication of advertisement to fix up a date for solemnization of marriage which is generally on the Thursday following the completion of 30 days or any Thursday after that.

**When are the prospective bride and groom and the 3 witnesses required to submit their original passports?**

They are required to do this one day before the actual solemnization of marriage. The passports are returned immediately after the solemnization along with marriage certificate.

**Whether parents of the prospective bride and bridegroom will be informed about the submission of Notice of Intended Marriage?**

Information is sent to the respective parents by way of dispatch of a copy of Form-I, which forms a part of the Notice of Intended Marriage.

**Whether people from different religions can marry?**

Yes. People from different religions can marry under Indian law.

**What is the law under which marriage is solemnized?**

The marriage is solemnized under Foreign Marriage Act 1969.