

Solemnization of Marriages in the Philippine Embassy

The Consular Officer of the Embassy is authorized by the Philippine Government to solemnize marriages between Filipino citizens subject to Philippine laws. The ceremony shall take place within the premises of the Philippine embassy or consulate.

Procedure:

1. Set up an appointment

Appointment may be booked by sending an email to civilregistration@phembassy-us.org.

2. Submit application for a marriage license and Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage (LCCM) at the Embassy.

Both parties must be physically present at the Embassy to apply and submit documentary requirements for application of marriage license and Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage (LCCM). Please note that all original PSA documents will be retained by the Embassy and will not be returned.

3. Publication of Marriage Application for 10 Consecutive Days

The application for a marriage license shall be posted or published for ten (10) consecutive days before the marriage license is issued.

4. Issuance of LCCM & Marriage License

The Embassy shall issue the LCCM and a marriage license which is valid for a period of 120 days from the date of issuance. The license shall automatically be deemed canceled at the expiration of the said period if the contracting parties have not made use of it. The expiry date shall be stamped in bold characters on the face of every license issued.

5. Marriage Solemnization

The applicants must coordinate with the Civil Registry Section on the date and time of marriage solemnization. The contracting parties should provide information about the names and addresses of their witnesses.

6. Get PSA-authenticated Marriage Certificate Online

You may request a copy of the Marriage Certificate in security paper from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 6 to 12 months from the date of marriage at www.psaserbilis.com.ph. To complete the online transaction, you will need the transmittal details (Reference Number, Despatch Number, Despatch Date and Transmittal Date) which can be obtained from the DFA Manila's Consular Records Division with email oca.crd-us@dfa.gov.ph.

Documentary Requirements

1. Marriage License Application Form

Parties must accomplish four (4) copies of Marriage License Application Form. The forms have to be signed in front of a Consular Officer.

It shall be the duty of the contracting parties to accomplish four (4) copies of the Application for Marriage License for registration.

2. Birth Certificate

The bride and groom must submit one (1) original & three (3) photocopies of their PSA birth certificate with Apostille from the DFA.

3. Philippine Passport

The bride and groom must submit four (4) photocopies of their valid Philippine Passport data page. Original Philippine passport must be presented.

4. Proof of Filipino Citizenship

The bride and groom must submit four (4) photocopies of proof that they are still Filipino citizens, such as, but not limited to: valid US Visa, valid US Permanent Resident Card, valid work permit, or, Dual Citizenship Identification Certificate. (Please note that Filipino nationals who became naturalized US Citizens have, by Philippine laws, lost their Filipino citizenship but may re-acquire it by applying for dual citizenship per R.A. 9225. As the Consular Officer of the Embassy is authorized to solemnize marriages between Filipino citizens, applicants must first reacquire Filipino citizenship before your marriage license can be processed). Original document must be presented.

5. Photos

Both parties must submit two (2) passport-sized colored photos (printed on photo paper)

6. Fees

Marriage License : US\$25.00
Solemnization Fee : US\$60.00

Additional requirements for each personal circumstance:

For a contracting party who is single:

- **PSA CENOMAR**

The bride and groom must each provide one (1) original and three (3) photocopies of their Certificate of No Marriage Record (CENOMAR) issued by PSA with Apostille from the DFA. A CENOMAR is valid only for six (6) months from the date of issue by PSA.

For a contracting party who is a widow or widower

- **Death Certificate** - Submit one (1) original and three (3) photocopies

- a. If spouse is a Filipino citizen: Death Certificate of the previous spouse issued by the PSA with Apostille from the DFA
- b. If spouse is a US national: Death Certificate of the previous spouse issued by vital statistics with Apostille from competent authority of the issuing state.
- c. If spouse is a foreign national other than a US national: Death Certificate of the previous spouse where the death certificate was issued. The death certificate must be officially translated, if not in English duly authenticated by the Embassy or Consulate of the issuing country.

For a contracting party who had a previous marriage annulled by court

- **PSA Marriage Certificate** with annotation on dissolution of marriage - Submit one (1) original and three (3) photocopies with Apostille from the DFA
- Certificate of Finality of Decision and Court Order/Decision from the Philippine court with Apostille from the DFA (original and a photocopy).

For a contracting party whose marriage was dissolved by recognition of foreign divorce of the Philippine Court:

- **PSA Marriage Certificate** with annotation of dissolution of marriage - Submit one (1) original and three (3) photocopies with Apostille from the DFA
- Certificate of Judicial Recognition of Foreign Divorce issued by a competent Philippine court with Apostille from the DFA (original and a photocopy)
 - a. The divorce decree granted by a foreign country must first be filed for recognition in the Philippine Regional Trial Court (RTC).
 - b. Once the local court recognized the foreign divorce decree, it must be registered with the LCRO of the place of jurisdiction of the RTC which granted the petition.

For a contracting party aged 18-21 years old

- **Affidavit of Parental Consent**

Parents of the contracting party/ies aged 18-21 years old must execute a notarized Affidavit of Parental Consent duly authenticated / with Apostille.

For a contracting party aged 22-25 years old

- **Affidavit of Parental Advice**

Parents of the contracting party/ies aged 21-25 years old must execute a notarized Affidavit of Parental Advice duly authenticated / with Apostille.

Additional inquiries/questions may be emailed to the Civil Registration section at **civilregistration@phembassy-us.org**

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

Please write in CAPITAL LETTERS using BLACK INK

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| The Consul-General Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. Sir/ Madam: May I apply for a License to Contract Marriage / Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage with _____ and to this effect, being duly sworn, I hereby depose and say that I have all the necessary qualifications and none of the legal disqualifications to contract the said marriage, and that the following data are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information: | The Consul-General Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. Sir/ Madam: May I apply for a License to Contract Marriage / Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage with _____ and to this effect, being duly sworn, I hereby depose and say that I have all the necessary qualifications and none of the legal disqualifications to contract the said marriage, and that the following data are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information: |
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| (First) | (Middle) | (Last) | Name of Applicant | (First) | (Middle) | (Last) | |
| (Day) | (Month) | (Year) | (Age) | (Day) | (Month) | (Year) | (Age) |
| (City/Municipality) | | (Province) | | (City/Municipality) | | (Province) | |
| MALE | | | Sex | FEMALE | | | |
| | | | Citizenship | | | | |
| | | | Residence | | | | |
| | | | Religion | | | | |
| | | | Civil Status before this marriage | | | | |
| | | | Degree of relationship between contracting parties | | | | |
| | | | Name of Father | | | | |
| | | | Citizenship of Father | | | | |
| | | | Residence of Father | | | | |
| | | | Name of Mother | | | | |
| | | | Citizenship of Mother | | | | |
| | | | Residence of Mother | | | | |
| | | | If previously married, how it was dissolved. | | | | |
| | | | place where it was dissolved | | | | |
| | | | date when it was dissolved | | | | |
| | | | If needed consent or advice, name of persons who gave it | | | | |
| | | | Relationship | | | | |
| | | | Citizenship | | | | |
| | | | Residence | | | | |
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| _____ Signature of Applicant Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. Processor: | _____ Signature of Applicant Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. Processor: |
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**PHILIPPINE EMBASSY
CONSULAR SECTION
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.**

AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAL CONSENT TO MARRY

I/We, _____ and _____, both of legal age, single/married, _____ citizen/s, and presently residing in _____, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state:

1. That I am/we are the parent/s of _____ born in _____, on _____;
2. That my/our child is intending to contract marriage with _____ in _____;
3. That I am/we are giving my/our consent to my/our child to marry Mr./Ms. _____;
4. That I am/we are executing this Affidavit for the purpose of informing the authorities concerned of the veracity of the foregoing facts and for whatever legal purposes it may serve.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I/We hereunto affix my/our signature this _____ day of _____ at _____ the _____.

Father
Philippine Passport No. _____
Issued on _____
At _____

Mother
Philippine Passport No. _____
Issued on _____
At _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____, affiant/s having exhibited the abovementioned Philippine passport/s.

Administering Officer

Doc No. : _____
Book No. : _____
Page No. : _____
Series of : _____
Amount Paid : _____
O.R. No. : _____

**PHILIPPINE EMBASSY
CONSULAR SECTION
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.**

AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAL ADVICE ON MARRIAGE

I/We, _____ and _____, both B of legal age, single/married, _____ citizen/s, and presently residing in _____, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state:

1. That I am/we are the parent/s of _____ who was born on _____ in _____;
2. That my/our child is intending to contract marriage with _____ in _____;
3. That I am/we hereby advise my/our child to marry Mr./Ms. _____ legally, and to live together, observe mutual love, respect and fidelity, and support each other for as long as they live; and
4. That I am/we are executing this Affidavit for the purpose of informing the authorities concerned of the veracity of the foregoing facts and for all legal intents.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I/We hereunto affix my/our signature this _____ day of _____ at the _____.

Father
Philippine Passport No. _____
Issued on _____
At _____

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