

Required Documentation for Wedding and Marriage Registration :

**Validity of all documents needs to be verified by the marriage officer at Department of Home Affairs and also Immigration Department if foreigners before the wedding can be considered.**

#### **SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS: DOCUMENTS FOR MARRIAGE**

1. Clear copy of Groom SA Identity Doc.
2. Clear copy of Bride SA Identity Doc.
3. Identity / Passport Photos X 3
4. Clear copy of Witness 1 Identity Doc
5. Clear copy of Witness 2 Identity Doc.
6. If divorced – Clear copy of Final Decree of Divorce with clear stamp of the Court. (Not an attorney)
7. If a Widow or Widower – Clear copy of Death Certificate of previous spouse
8. If getting married with Ante Nuptial Contract - Letter from Attorney
9. Online Marriage verification form to be filled out by the department of Home Affairs, this form will only be accepted if it contains the DHA stamp. This form is compulsory for both husband and wife. (Not all DHA Offices requires this but it is very important that the couple makes sure that their Marital Status is correct on the computer system of DHA especially if any one of the couple was married before. If your marital status still shows as Married to a previous person the new wedding can still go ahead as long as the required copy of Final Divorce Decree has been given to the Marriage Officer but it stays the couples responsibility to make sure that they apply of the marital status to be changed urgently as the new married will not be registered before the change has been done.

<http://www.dha.gov.za/status/Status.html>

#### **NON - SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS: DOCUMENTS FOR MARRIAGE**

1. Groom Passport Copy with valid VISA or Entry Stamp.
2. Bride Passport Copy with valid VISA or Entry Stamp.
3. Identity Photos X 3
4. Witness 1 South African Citizen with Identity Doc
5. Witness 2 South African Citizen with Identity Doc.
6. Decree of Divorce (If applicable)
7. Death Certificate of previous spouse (If applicable)
8. Ante Nuptial Contract Letter from Attorney (If applicable)
9. Letter of No Impediment or a No Trace Letter- not older than 6 months.
10. DHA 30 form (I will make available to you)
11. **If a South African Citizen gets married to a Non South African Citizen:** Both parties to be interviewed for marriage by the Inspectorate Immigration in DHA offices, prior to the solemnisation of the marriage.

**This interview must take place at the office where the specific marriage officer registers his marriages.** DHA offices do not give documents to couples to give to Marriage Officer. **If I do your wedding your interview must take place at Akasia DHA Office**

### **Interview**

- (i) All “civil” marriages or civil unions where one of the prospective spouses is a South African citizen must be preceded by an interview with an immigration officer. Both spouses must be interviewed.
- (ii) After conducting an interview, an immigration officer must **issue a declaration letter relating to the outcome of his or her verification of identity, status and whether or not in his or her view the marriage may be a marriage of convenience meant to help a foreigner to acquire an immigration permit.**
- (iii) There is no need for an interview to be conducted where both prospective spouses are foreigners. However, verification of identity and status in the Republic must be made.

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### **Refugees / Asylum Seekers**

- (aa) A letter of no lawful impediment should not be required from a person who is positively identified as a refugee or an asylum seeker. However, a copy of such person’s refugee valid identity document and valid section 24 permit, or asylum seeker permit issued in terms of section 22, of the Refugees Act, 1998 (Act No. 130 of 1998) must be attached to the “civil” marriage or civil union register, as the case may be.
- (bb) Verification of the refugee identity document, refugee permit or asylum seeker permit must also be made by an immigration officer.
- (cc) Verification must be done by means of obtaining a printout from the Movement Control System if the foreigner is a holder of a temporary residence permit.