

Registration of Foreigner's Marriage in Thailand

Marriage for foreigners in Thailand should be performed according to Thai Law. Procedure and requirements are as follows:

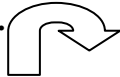
1. Appear in person with your passports at your Embassy in Thailand to complete declarations attesting that you are single and free to marry in accordance with Thai Law (blank forms are available at the Embassy).
 - a. Take the completed declaration to a reputable translation office to have the contents of the declaration translated into Thai.
 - b. The documents together with translation and copies of passports have to be taken to the Legalization Division of Consular Affairs Department (address: 123 Chaengwattana Road, Laksi, Bangkok 10210 Tel: (66-2) 575-1056-60 Fax: 575-1054 E-mail: consular04@mfa.go.th) where the Consular Official's signature will be authenticated. This normally takes 2 days. The documents and translation are then ready for submission to the District Registrar who will register the marriage and issue the marriage certificate in Thai.

2. In case of the woman is a widow or a divorcee, the dissolution of the former marriage must have taken place at least 310 days before the next marriage
Doctor's pregnancy test is accepted if the time between the former marriage and the next marriage is less than 310 days; but this rule shall not apply if;
 - a. a child has been born during such period, or
 - b. the divorced couple remarry, or
 - c. there is an order of the Court allowing the woman to marry.

♥ All documents must be translated into Thai before submission to the District Registrar.

♥ The documents together with translation must be submitted to the District registrar at least one day prior to the marriage registration day.

♥ More information.....



Marriage

Marriage Registration

Regulations

1. A couple must be of legal age (17 years) upon filing for marriage registration, otherwise permission must be granted by a court.
2. Permission from the parents is required for parties under legal age.
3. Both parties must not be registered as married to anyone else (Multiple marriage registration is prohibited).
4. The parties must not be direct blood relatives nor be sister or brother through either parent.
5. Adopting parents shall not be permitted to marry their own adopted child.
6. A widow or divorcee will be permitted to remarry not less than 310 days after the previous marriage has expired, unless
 - o Has given birth to a child.
 - o Remarrying the same person.
 - o Not pregnant, as certified by doctor. (in case of early remarriage)
 - o Approval to remarry from a court is obtained.

7. No service fee is required whatsoever.

Required Documents

1. Identification Cards of both parties.
2. The House Registration Certificates of both parties.
3. If an alien is registering to be married to a Thai citizen or another alien, he or she is required to submit following documents.
 - o A copy of their passport.
 - o A Letter of Certification, issued by an Embassy or Consulate or a Government Organization from their country, regarding the marital status of the person. The Letter must be translated, then certified by the relevant Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Procedures

1. Marriage registration can be filed at any District Office or Minor District Office nationwide regardless of the birthplace of the couple.
2. Once the marriage registration is completed, each party will be given a copy of the Marriage Registration Certificate as evidence.
3. If the marriage registration is filed at the District Office located in female's birthplace (where the name is registered on the House Registration Certificate), the title used with the forename and the last name of the female will be changed by the District Officer. The female is required to file for a new Identification Card within 60 days. A service fee of 10 baht is required. If the marriage is registered elsewhere, the female is required to contact the local District Office to change her name and last name, as well as filing for a new Identification Card.
4. If both parties are unable to file for marriage at any District Office or Minor District Office, the couple can submit a request to the Registrar to register their marriage at any location under the supervision of that District Office. The parties filing for marriage are required to provide transportation for the Registrar. A service fee of 200 baht is required.

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