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MARRIAGE & MARRIAGE BANNS - MARRIAGE TO BE CELEBRATED IN ITALY

The Italian citizen registered AIRE intending to marry in Italy, shall be required to submit request of **MARRIAGE BANNS** to the appropriate Italian consular office of registration.

(Please note: all arrangements with relevant Italian civil and religious Authorities must be made directly by the interested parties).

For the purposes of MARRIAGE BANNS the interested parties shall be required to call in personally – prior appointment – to this Italian Consulate General bringing along all prescribed documentation in original format.

It is imperative that either the bride or the groom is Italian, residing in the catchment area of this Consulate General and registered AIRE.

Once all relevant documentation is ready, the interested party/ies shall be required to forward – via email - Request for Marriage Banns (to be downloaded from section ‘Forms’ of our web, duly completed and signed & copy of all documentation required).

Once checked such copies this Italian Consulate General shall contact the interested parties in order to make relevant arrangement for a suitable appointment at this Office.

MARRIAGE BANNS must be requested within six (6) months prior to the date of intended marriage.

RELEVANT CONSULAR FEES applicable (as indicated on “Fees” of our web) must be paid in full when calling in personally at this Office – in cash or by ‘postal orders’.

RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE:

The Interested party shall be required to submit all documentation – as below indicated – together with a **letter / declaration on headed paper from the Church with a seal and signature of the priest who will officiate at the wedding containing full details of the bride and groom, and of the Church, as well as the date of the ceremony.**

Once the prescribed period of Marriage banns (8 consecutive days) shall have elapsed, this Office - “*Concordato Lateranense*” dated 11/02/1984 - shall officially AUTHORISE the relevant Italian Priest to officiate the marriage (copy of relevant cover note shall be sent to the interested party).

CIVIL MARRIAGE:

Once the prescribed period of Marriage banns (8 consecutive days) shall have elapsed, this Office shall request to the relevant Italian Registrar the celebration of the marriage, in accordance with article 109 of Italian Civil Code (copy of relevant cover note shall be sent to the interested party).

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

A) THE ITALIAN BRIDE OR GROOM MUST PRODUCE:

- Valid ID document (passport or Italian ID card) e copy of such ID document;
- **'Request for Marriage Banns'** (to be downloaded from section 'Forms' of our web), duly completed and signed.
- Confirmation relating to the fact that no marriages were celebrated:
 - If resident in Scotland: letter 'TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN' issued by the "*National Records of Scotland*" - application to be submitted only via email: marriage@nrscotland.gov.uk (only if resident in the UK for longer than 18 months).
 - If resident in Northern Ireland: declaration (rendered further to a "Marriage Check") rendered directly with The Marriage Section - General Register Office - Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4HL - phone: 0300 200 7890 (028 9151 3101 from outside Northern Ireland) - fax: 028 9025 2136- email: groreg.nisra@dfpni.gov.uk

B) THE FOREIGN BRIDE OR GROOM MUST PRODUCE:

BRITISH NATIONALS

- full extract of birth certificate in original format + copy of the same;
- valid ID document (passport) + copy of the same;
- "Certificate of no Impediment to Marry" issued by the relevant local Register Office

PLEASE NOTE: BRITISH nationals resident in Wales or England shall also be required to submit: "Bilingual Statutory Declaration" before a solicitor or public notary in UK (see draft on web, PDF format)

EU / non EU NATIONALS

- Extract of birth certificate – with indication of parents' names – in multilingual format (otherwise: duly officially translated into the Italian language - translation verified by the appropriate Italian Consular Office in the Country of issue of certificate) and legalised * / APOSTILLED *;
- Citizens from AUSTRIA, LUXEMBURG, THE NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY (although not EU), GERMANY, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVIA must submit:
 - "**Certificate of No impediment to Marry**" issued by the Registrar competent for the Country of origin (duly officially translated into the Italian language - translation verified by the appropriate Italian Consular Office in the Country where the certificate was issued);
- All the other EU citizens must submit:
 - "**NULLA OSTA**" to the marriage issued by the appropriate Authority officially translated into the Italian language (translation verified by the appropriate Italian Consular Office in the Country of issue of certificate) and legalised * / APOSTILLED * by the appropriate Authority.
- valid passport.

AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS:

- ✓ **valid passport**
- ✓ **certified copy of the birth certificate** in "long form", which includes the names of both parents and legalized with an "Apostille" by the appropriate Authority in the Country of issue.
- ✓ A **sworn statement (*dichiarazione giurata*)** sworn to by the interested party before a Notary Public – whose signature shall have to be duly 'APOSTILLED' - stating that according to the laws to which the citizen is subject in the relevant Country of origin there is no obstacle to his/her marriage in Italy.
- ✓ **AFFIDAVIT ("*atto notorio*")** that must be sworn to by two witnesses, who must be over 18 and unrelated to either of the two parties or to each other. Such AFFIDAVIT must be underwritten in Italy, before a Registry Official or a Notary public, or in the UK before an UK Notary. The affidavit will state that the witnesses swear under the penalty of perjury that they personally know the interested party, that they personally know where he / she is a resident, that they personally know that he / she has never been married or is now divorced or widowed, that to the

best of their knowledge he / she is free to marry in accordance with the local laws, and that there are no objections for he / she to be married in Italy.

THE AFFIDAVIT MUST BE EXECUTED WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE.

- ✓ If applicable, a **final decree of divorce** and/or **death certificate** of the previous spouse, legalized with the APOSTILLE issued by the appropriate Authority.

*Legalisation / APOSTILLE:

- NO LEGALISATION / APOSTILLE required for documents / certificates issued by the following Countries: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, KINGDOM of DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, IRELAND, LATVIA, LUXEMBURG, THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, PORTUGAL & TURKEY.
- APOSTILLE (The Hague Convention of 05/10/1961) required for documents / certificates issued by the following Countries: ALBANIA, ANDORRA, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AUSTRALIA, AZERBAIJAN, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BELIZE, BELARUS, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, BOTSWANA, BRUNEI, BULGARIA, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CROATIA, COOK ISLANDS, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, FIJI, FINLAND, GEORGIA, GREECE, GRENADA, HONDURAS, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, ISRAEL, JAPAN, KAZAKHSTAN, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA, MACEDONIA, MALAWI, MALTA, MARSHALL ISLANDS, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, MOLDOVA, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MONTENEGRO, NAMIBIA, NEW ZEALAND, NIUE, NORWAY, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, ROMANIA, RUSSIA, SAINT KITTS & NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, SERBIA, SEYCHELLES, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTH KOREA, SPAIN, SURINAME, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TONGA, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, UZBEKISTAN, VANUATU, VENEZUELA.