

English Translation

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Divisional Secretariat/ District Registrar,

All the Additional District Registrars,

**Registration of Marriages between Foreigners and Sri Lankans.**

The current procedure of registration of marriages between a foreigners and a Sri Lankans under the (112 chapter of) marriage (General) Registration Ordinance was based on the following documents obtained from the foreign party of such marriage.

- I. Valid Passport
- II. Certification of Confirmation of Civil Status (Divorced papers/ Documents for Confirmation of Widowed where necessary)
- III. Certificate of Birth (Only if needed to Confirm the birth date)

02. However, according to the agreement based on the negotiation between the Ministry of Defense and Department of Immigration and Emigration regarding the impact for the national security and the issues can be arise from the marriages between foreigners and Sri Lankans, a decision has been made to register such marriages only through the Additional District Registrars after obtaining a "Security Clearance Report" relates to the foreign party.

03. Therefore, in such a marriage, the original copy of the certificate obtained from the security authorities of the relevant countries, should be sent to the Civil Registration Unit of the Department through the local party or through an agent of the local party, indicating there is no any convict for any offense during the period of six months. Obtaining the "Security Clearance Report" of that person will proceed through the department. A license will be issued to register such marriage by the Registrar General according that report and it will be adverted to the local party or to the agent of the local party to hand over to the Additional District Registrar whom the marriage proceed to register. (A copy of the license will also be adverted to the relevant Divisional Secretariat/ Land Registration Office for reference.)

04. Other than that, a self- declaration (Health Declaration) should be obtained for the confirmation of the health conditions from the relevant foreigner and it has indicated in the appendix I.

05. Accordingly, when accepting a notice for a marriage between a foreigner and a Sri Lankan, the Additional District Registrar should obtain and satisfy with the following documents.

- I. A Valid passport and the copy of the passport with visa required to enter Sri Lanka
- II. Original of the certificate of the confirmation of civil status issued by the authorized institute of the relevant country and confirmation legal documents for the divorced/ widowed.
- III. Original of the license issued by the Registrar General
- IV. Self -declaration of the health condition (Health Declaration)
- V. Certificate of Birth (Only if needed to confirm the birth date) and a copy

06. Further, following the form of the appendix II, a data entry about such marriages should be maintained by all the Additional District Registrars and twice a year, the soft copy of that entry should be sent to the [mbd@rgd.gov.lk](mailto:mbd@rgd.gov.lk) as an excel form and the hard copy should be sent to the Civil Registration Unit of the Department by registered post twice a year.

07. Further, the notices of such marriages should not be accepted by the Divisional Registrars, and should be adverted to the Additional District Registrar.

08. No offence is there to solemnize such marriages in churches upon the "Registrar's Certificate" (B-103) issued by the Additional District Registrars.

09. This circular will be enacted from 01.01.2022.

10. Please inform that you have received this circular.

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