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SECTION 1

FOR EVERYONE

The following INFORMATION must be received by the marriage officer (pastor) at least SEVEN DAYS BEFORE the marriage ceremony

- The completed Marriage Application Form.
- A completed and signed Booking Form.
- A copy of the ID document/s and/or passport/s of both the bride and the groom (passport copies in the case of non-South African citizens)
- Three coloured (ID sized) photographs of both the bride and the groom
- A copy of the ID documents of both witnesses (passport copies in the case of non-South African citizens)
- ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION to be supplied where applicable
 - A letter of acknowledgement from the attorney who compiled the Ante Nuptial Contract (ANC). Couples may speak to an attorney of their choice in this regard.
- Consent of parents in the event of a minor (under 18)
- A copy of the Final Divorce Decree of a bride and/or groom who are divorced.
- A copy of the Death Certificate of the deceased spouse of a widow or widower.

SECTION 2

PERSONS WHO ARE DIVORCED AND/OR WHOSE SPOUSE PASSED AWAY

- In addition to supplying the abovementioned Divorce Decree and/or Death Certificate where applicable a divorcee/widow/widower MUST also verify their current marital status at the Department of Home Affairs.
- Therefore that the additional form ("Marital Status Confirmation") as attached to this email MUST be taken to a Home Affairs Office and MUST be completed and signed by a Home Affairs Official!
- THIS IS COMPULSORY and MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY PERSON WHO IS DIVORCED or WIDOWED
- In the event of the divorce or death having not been registered by the Department of Home Affairs (in spite of the Final Divorce Decree/Death Certificate being available) the prospective bridegroom/bride must IMMEDIATELY rectify this at that office of the Department of Home Affairs BEFORE the wedding.



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SECTION 3

PERSONS WHO ARE NOT SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS (FOREIGNERS)

- In addition to all the above-mentioned documents the following process has to be followed and the mentioned legal documents have to be completed and submitted in the case of non-South African citizens:
- The following is an extract from a document with information in this regard issued by the Department of Home Affairs:
"REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERVIEW FOR THE EXISTENCE OF SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RSA CITIZEN AND FOREIGN PARTNER.
- South African barcoded ID/smart card.
- Valid passport with valid stay in the Republic.
- Letter of NO-Impedement
 - NOT OLDER THAN SIX MONTHS) from the country of origin should be valid with the letter head. (NO MARRIAGE IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN). It **must** be in English.
- Affidavit by both partners.
- Parents affidavit from BOTH FAMILIES with copy of identity, commissioned or death certificate."
- With all the aforementioned documents in their possession the marriage couple must then attend an interview with the Immigration Officer on the fourth floor at the Department of Home Affairs on the corner of Nana Sitha and Sophie De Bruyn Streets in Pretoria or an Immigration Officer at another Home Affairs office.
- During the interview the couple will both be required to complete a questionnaire and then the Immigration Officer will write a report which will be given to the couple.
- This report and all the collected documentation can then be handed to the marriage officer/ pastor who will then after the wedding be able to register the marriage at the Department of Home Affairs.

IF YOU ARE A SOUTH AFRICAN WHO WILL BE MARRYING A NON-SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN

- As of December 2014 Home Affairs have an added stipulation that all South African citizens applying to have a marriage solemnized with any non-South African citizen need to comply with the following -
 - Both parties that wish to get legally married in South Africa will need to appear in person (with the correct documentation) at a Home Affairs office (preferably the same office where your Marriage Officer is registered) to make an appointment booking with the immigration interviewing officer.
 - The documentation (especially the "Letters/Certs of No Impediment") will be verified by the official on duty to secure your interview date/time (an Affidavit is permissible for all UK citizens in lieu of this letter - please request a pro-forma if needed).



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- Once the interview has been successfully concluded, an Immigration Report will be drawn up and submitted to the marriage section.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN

- 3 x ID photos.
- A copy of your ID.
- If you have been previously married Home Affairs will require a copy of the decree of divorce/death certificate (whichever applies).

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THE NON-SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN

- 3 x ID photos.
- A copy of the front page of your passport.
- A copy of the Visa page in your passport - or the entry stamp through customs found in your passport.
- If you have been previously married Home Affairs will require a copy of the decree of divorce/death certificate (whichever applies) which will be submitted on your behalf.
- A Letter of No Impediment (certificate from your country of citizenship confirming freedom to marry).
- You will be required to sign an Affidavit on the day of your wedding - this is a stationary document supplied by Home Affairs (BI 31) - required to verify that you are using your international passport as a means of documentation.

NOTE

- British authorities do not supply this Letter to commonwealth countries such as South Africa.
- If you are a British citizen, a sworn affidavit stating that you are not married and that there is no legal impediment to your intended marriage will be accepted by the South African Home Affairs office.



home affairs

Department:
Home Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

CONFIRMATION OF MARITAL STATUS

HUSBAND IDENTITY NUMBER: _____

FULL NAMES AND SURNAME: _____

MARITAL STATUS: (To be completed by DHA official)

☐ SINGLE

☐ MARRIED

☐ DIVORCED

☐ WIDOWER

WIFE IDENTITY NUMBER: _____

FULL NAMES AND SURNAME: _____

MARITAL STATUS: (To be completed by DHA official)

☐ SINGLE

☐ MARRIED

☐ DIVORCED

☐ WIDOWER

*** NO MARRIAGE REGISTER WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION IF MARITAL STATUS IS STILL MARRIED**

CONFIRMED BY DHA OFFICIAL – INITIALS & SURNAME _____

SIGNATURE

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