

How to Obtain Marriage License

Contributed by Webmaster
Tuesday, 24 June 2008
Last Updated Wednesday, 13 August 2008

Forms are available at the Civil Registry of the place where you or your fiancé have been residing for the last six(6) months. When obtaining an application for marriage, it is wise to bring along the necessary documents.

The following is a list of necessary documents required by Makati, Mandaluyong, and Quezon City when applying for a marriage license:

- Certified True Copies of the contracting parties' Birth Certificates from the National Statistics Office (NSO).
- Valid IDs with the addresses of the contracting parties
- Community tax certificates of the contracting parties (required only in Quezon City).
- Barangay Certificate (required only in Makati).
- Parental Consent (for contracting parties aged 18 to 21) or parental advice (for contracting parties between 22 and 25)
- this is a written indication that the contracting parties' respective parents know of the intention to marry
- Certificate of Attendance in a Marriage Counseling Seminar and a Family Planning Seminar.
- 1 x 1 pictures
- Personal appearance of the contracting parties
- Subscribed and sworn marriage license form

Other requirements for foreigners, divorced or widowed:

- Certificate of Legal Capacity to Marry and photocopy of passport (should have date of arrival), required by Philippine Law for foreigners marrying a Filipino. The certificate is issued at the embassy of the foreign bride/groom.
- Final Decree of Absolute Divorce (for divorcees only); may be obtained from the foreign court that granted the divorce.
- Certified Copy of the Death Certificate of the late spouse (only if s/he widow/er).

Upon submission of all the necessary documents, allow 10-14 days (two weeks) for processing. A marriage license legalizes a wedding ceremony and is valid for 120 days from the date of issue.