



WHAT IS the registration of marriage of Spanish subjects abroad?

The registration of marriage is the entry in the Civil Register verifying the act of marriage and the date, time and place of marriages outside Spain when affecting a Spanish subject.



Central Civil Register

C/ Bolsa, 1
28012 Madrid.
Opening times: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm,
Monday to Friday.

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Guide to access to the services of the Central Civil Register

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REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF SPANISH SUBJECTS ABROAD



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WHAT IS the Central Civil Register?

The Register records the events and acts of marital status which are not the responsibility of other registries, or when exceptional circumstances mean that the corresponding registry is unable to record them; it also records events and acts of civil society affecting Spaniards abroad. Additionally, when a Consular Register is responsible for recording an event because it occurred abroad and the person affected is resident in Spain, this must first be registered in the Central Civil Register, and later transferred to the corresponding Consular Register.

The Central Register will also receive books consisting of duplicates of:

1. consular registrations.
2. Registrations of births registered in the Municipal Registries of the home country in the case of international adoption, and of foreign citizens who have acquired Spanish citizenship.
3. Registrations of Municipal Registries relating to judicial rulings affecting legal capacity, parental authority and custody of a minor, the care or administration of persons presumed incapable or minors not subject to legal custody, and the constitution and administration of protected assets.

WHO can apply?

Either of the spouses may request the registration of their marriage outside Spain, but at the time of initiating proceedings at least one of the spouses must be Spanish.



HOW can I apply?

-  Apply in person at the Municipal Civil Register of the spouses' place of residence, by virtue of the proximity principle. However, you may also apply to the Central Civil Register.

1 Time limit

There is no time limit for requesting registration.

Documentation needed

When at least one of the spouses is of Spanish citizenship or acquires citizenship after the marriage, the applicant must present along with the information sheet:

- In general, for marriages that take place abroad, when at least one spouse is Spanish, the interested parties must provide the following documentation:
 - Identification documents of the applicant (National Identification Card, passport, etc.)
 - Census Certificate at the Town Council of his or her residence, accrediting the date since which the interested party or parties reside/s in Spain, and any other document accrediting their permanent and stable residence in Spain.
 - Birth Certificate of the foreign spouse, if necessary translated by a sworn translator.
 - Full birth certificate of the Spanish or naturalised spouse, issued by the Spanish Civil Register.
 - Marriage Certificate from the foreign Local Civil Register, legalised or, if applicable, with apostille and translated by a sworn translator when it has not been written in an official language of Spain.
 - When one of the spouses has previously been married, a certificate of the former marriage of one or both spouses, as applicable, must be provided, as issued by the Spanish Civil Register in which dissolution of the marriage is registered.
- Exceptionally, for the following cases:
 - Previous marriage contracted outside Spain by a foreign citizen who has acquired Spanish citizenship,
 - Marriage contracted abroad according to the laws of the corresponding country, provided:
 - The marriage was contracted in a country with equivalent legislation to Spain.
 - Or not being equivalent legislation, the Spanish citizen has an ad-hoc certificate of eligibility issued by the relevant Spanish authorities responsible for the legal status of the earlier marriage.

The interested party or parties must provide the following information:

- Application for registration
- Original documentation accrediting the marriage

(These documents will be collected for purely informational purposes. At the time of classification any data deemed appropriate may be required by the senior judge presiding the registry classification or the Secretary of the Registry taking part in the proceedings).

NOTE: This type of proceedings may require private hearings for each spouse separately

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