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## Requirements for Celebrating a Marriage in Malta for EU and non-EU citizens living abroad

### Documents Required

To initiate the process of marriage in Malta, couples are required to complete and sign these documents:

Banns of Matrimony publication request (RZ1 form):

- Completed and signed by both applicants.

Declaration under Article 7(5) of the Marriage Act (Cap. 16) (RZ2 form):

- Both applicants sign in front of a Notary, Solicitor, or Commissioner for Oaths.
- The document must be signed, stamped, and dated by the authorised official.

### Certificates registered with the Public Registry

If any of the following certificates are registered with the Malta Public Registry, only the date of the event is required:

- Birth Certificate;
- Marriage Certificate;
- Registration of a Marriage and subsequent annulment;
- Registration of a Marriage and subsequent divorce;
- Other certificates, considered on a case-by-case basis.

Prior to submitting a new application, it's important to ensure that any previous marriage registered in Malta has been officially annulled or divorced, and duly recorded.

### Affidavits by a Third Party

In cases where the civil authorities of a country do not issue a Free Status certificate, an affidavit by a third party is required. This affidavit should confirm the marital status of the applicant(s). This should state that the applicant(s) were never married before or have not re-married since the death of a former spouse, or have not re-married since the date of divorce, or since the date of annulment. Any individual over the age of 18 who knows the spouses well, who are typically family members, can provide this affidavit.

Applicants residing in Scotland, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Wight and Isle of Man are required to provide a Certificate of No Impediment.

If an applicant(s) holds or is/are entitled to another nationality, then their capacity to marry must be established for both nationalities.

All Documents must be in original format and will be retained by the Public Registry. Certificates are to be issued by a competent civil authority.

### Document Format and Translations

Couples should refer to the most recent version of the 'Policy for the Recognition of Foreign Public Documents' available at [www.identita.gov.mt](http://www.identita.gov.mt).

Documents including the RZ1 and RZ2 forms, Free Status Certificate, Certificate of No Impediment, and Affidavit by a Third Person, remain valid for up to three months from the date of their endorsement or issue. All

documents submitted to the Marriage Registry must be valid at the time of marriage. These should be submitted no later than six weeks before the marriage date, whilst applications received after this period will be rejected.

### **Assignment of a Marriage Celebrant**

Once the required paperwork is approved, A marriage celebrant will be assigned. Upon receipt of the required documentation, a Marriage Registry Officer will confirm the approval of the marriage application by email, and payment can then be made.

An appointment will be arranged for the applicants to meet the Registrar to finalise ceremony details, typically one to two days before the marriage. Both parties must bring their original passports, along with any relevant visas or Schengen border entry stamps, for verification.

### **Marriage Fees**

The fees for civil and religious marriages vary according to the location:

- Civil Marriage Fees:
  - Ceremony held at the Marriage Registry: - €76.95
  - Ceremony held in another location: - €102.60
- Religious Marriage Fees:
  - Marriages held in a Roman Catholic church: - €51.30
  - Marriages held under other religious denominations: - €102.60

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The Public Registry, Marriage Registry Section, can be reached by email: [pubreg.marriage.identita@gov.mt](mailto:pubreg.marriage.identita@gov.mt).

### Indicative Documentary Requirements for EU and Non-EU citizens

<b>S=Single, W=Widowed, D=Divorced, A=Annulled</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>A</b>
Request for the publication of Banns of Matrimony (RZ1)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Declaration required under Article 7(5) of the Marriage Act (Cap. 16 of the Laws of Malta) (RZ2)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Photocopy of the spouses' Passport	✓	✓	✓	✓
Photocopy of valid Visa or Schengen border control entry stamp	✓	✓	✓	✓
Photocopy of the two witnesses' ID Card/Passport	✓	✓	✓	✓
Original Full Birth Certificate/Adoption Certificate	✓	✓	✓	✓
Original Free Status Certificate	✓	✓	✓	✓
Original Marriage Certificate		✓		✓
Original Death Certificate of late spouse		✓		
Original Marriage Certificate showing Annotation of Annulment				✓
Original previous Marriage Certificate showing Annotation of Divorce or Original Divorce Absolute			✓	
Affidavit (Applicable only if the home country cannot issue a free status certificate)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Other documents may be requested on a case-by-case basis	✓	✓	✓	✓

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