



## **The legalities and documentation required for getting married in Cyprus**

Rest assured that it is not a problem for UK citizens to marry in Cyprus and that the marriage will be perfectly legal in the UK. However, according to Cyprus law, before the marriage can precede you must meet the following legal requirements:

- Be resident for a minimum of three working days (excluding weekends, public holidays and the day of arrival) before the wedding day. It is not now compulsory to have to stay a minimum of two weeks but for your enjoyment, it is highly recommended.
- Have valid ten-year passports not due to expire within six months, plus photocopies of all pages relating to the personal information contained therein.
- Each must have your own Single Status Statutory Declaration confirming that you are free to get married. These must include your name, address, nationality, religion, passport number and occupation; state whether single, divorced or widowed; that you intend to marry in Cyprus; and be signed and stamped by a UK solicitor, stating 'solicitor' on the document. Scottish nationals should obtain a Certificate of No Impediment from the local registry office in place of the Declaration.
- Have a copy of the decree absolute if divorced and, if Catholic, a copy of the marriage annulment.
- Have a copy of the death certificate if widowed.
- Proof of parental consent if under 18, stamped and signed by a solicitor.
- Proof of name change by Deed Poll, stamped and signed by a solicitor.
- Birth certificates.
- Adoption certificates if adopted.



## **Marriage Certificate**

After the wedding ceremony the couple will be given a Certificate of Marriage by the Marriage Officer. If the couple require additional certified copies they can be obtained at a cost of CY£8.00 from the Marriage Officer or the Ministry of Interior. In accordance with Cypriot Law the Marriage Officer will forward a certified copy of the couple's Marriage Certificate to the Embassy or the Consulate of the UK, in Cyprus.

## **For Church ceremonies – Anglican Marriage License**

After an Anglican ceremony, the marriage license is issued immediately. The document is in English and does not need to be altered in any way nor registered on your return to the UK. The license can be used to make any changes with official documents such as passports or bank information if necessary.

The service lasts for approximately 25 minutes

The ceremony is arranged and performed by a team of Catholic Church officials from the UK and is conducted in English.

In order for a couple to have an Anglican ceremony it is a requirement of the church that at least one of the couple has been christened and both will be required to attend an Anglican church service, normally before the day of the wedding ceremony. You must bring at least one baptism certificate with you.

## **For Catholic Church Ceremonies**

Please also be aware that in order for a Catholic ceremony to be legal in Cyprus an informal ceremony must take place at the municipality beforehand.

To have a Catholic ceremony both the bride and groom require a Baptism. All Catholic weddings must be preceded by a civil ceremony therefore all requirements for a civil wedding apply. Catholic weddings can only be performed if both the bride and groom have never been married previously. Some correspondence will be required between your UK priest and the priest who will perform your wedding in resort. Please ask your coordinator for full details.



To ensure the success of every wedding and the happiness of every bride and groom, Zaffron Weddings requires photocopies of all relevant documents at least six weeks before your arrival. You MUST bring the originals with you.

In the case of last-minute weddings we will, of course, try to fast-track all the legalities and processing of information wherever possible. However, we cannot be held responsible for any changes to the time and date of service or wedding arrangements which are beyond our control. Likewise, incorrect or forgotten documentation may lead to cancellation of the wedding, for which Zaffron Weddings can not be deemed liable.

Documentation

Any documentation required to allow any of the above ceremonies to take place legally will be submitted to the town hall and church officials prior to the wedding day with the help and guidance of a personal Zaffron's wedding planners.

If you require future information please contact

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