## **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS & DOCUMENTATION**

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL WEDDING COUPLES BRING ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW. The wedding couple is responsible for the organization, cost and accuracy of this documentation.

In all cases, both Bride & Groom will need the following documents:

- Valid passports: Please check that there is at least 3 months left to run after the date of travel.
- Birth certificates: Original birth certificates (short or long versions)
- Copies of 2 Witnesses passports: Copies of photo page. Witnesses must be over 18 years old. It is not necessary for the witnesses to attend the Registration at the Town Hall.
- Statutory Declaration (Also known as Affidavit or certificate of no Impediment): This is a declaration of freedom to marry. It must be signed & stamped by a solicitor or Notary Public confirming your marital status (single, divorced or widowed). This document must be dated, signed and stamped by the issuing solicitor or Notary Public with the business card attached. These documents are only valid for 3 months so ideally the coupe should be obtain them 8 – 12 weeks prior to their wedding date.

## Sample of Affidavit:.

My full name is and I reside
at My nationality is My passport number is date of issue My religion is
I do declare that I am single / divorced / widowed and now free of any bond of engagement or marriage and can lawfully enter into my first / second marriage.
(declarant's signature)
Declared this on (date)
at(Solicitor's address)
before me (Solicitor's name)
(Solicitor's signature) Solicitor's stamp

If applicable, you will also need:-

- Decree absolute (This must carry the Court stamp.) If the bride and groom are divorced, they must bring their decree absolutes.
- Name Change Deed (Must be signed and stamped by a solicitor). If the bride and groom have changed their names, a name change deed will be needed.
- Adoption Certificate If the bride or groom is adopted; an adoption certificate will be needed.
- Death certificate / Previous Marriage Certificate of previous spouse. If the bride or groom is widowed, a death certificate and previous marriage certificate must be taken to Cyprus.
- Parental Consent in the form of a Statutory Declaration. (Must be signed and stamped by a solicitor.) If the bride or groom is under 18 years of age.

The wedding couple is advised to contact the Town Hall- Wedding's department 3 months before the wedding with **copies of the required documents to ensure that they are in order**.

It is possible to request an additional Certified Wedding Certificate, for a small fee. Please order it at the Town Hall during your meeting with the Registrar.

The Fee for the Marriage License and the Registrar's fee are payable at the Town Hall in Euros or you can also pay by card. If you have any further questions please contact Mrs Anna Zakheou at below address:

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