

## CIVIL WEDDING

A popular type of ceremony for a wedding abroad is the civil marriage. The closest Civil Marriage office is in Hersonissos town. The ceremony is conducted at the Town Hall on selected days. The certificate is legally binding around the world and has no connection to any religious faith.

Kindly note the certificates required to perform a civil wedding

❖ **PASSPORT COPIES OF BRIDE & GROOM**

❖ **FULL BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF BOTH PARTIES**

*A shorter version of Birth Certificates will not be accepted but the full one.*

❖ **CERTIFICATE OF NO-IMPEDIMENT TO MARRIAGE**

*This document confirms that both of you are single and free to marry. This document can be obtained from your local Registry or Statistics Office and must not be issued more than 3 months before your wedding*

❖ **DIVORCE CERTIFICATE (if any)**

*If any of you has been married and divorced at the past, please provide a Certified Copy of the Decree Absolute.*

❖ **DEATH CERTIFICATE (if any)**

*If one of you, Bride or Groom is a widower, a death certificate must be obtained*

❖ **OFFICIAL DOCUMENT ABOUT CHANGING YOUR NAME (if any)**

*If one of you has changed his / her name at the past, an official document must be obtained. This document includes divorced parties that have reverted to their maiden name*

❖ **ADOPTION CERTIFICATES (if any)**

*If any of you is adopted, this certificate is necessary*

All these Documents (apart from the passport/ID copies) must prove their international legalization by the Apostille Stamp.

Required documents shall be issued less than 6 months prior to the wedding date. Please, check with your local authorities how long the documents are valid.

All the documents need to be translated into Greek language and authorized.

Please note that our hotel can arrange all the translation and authorization of the documents in collaboration with a Law office (additional cost). The price varies depending on the number of documents required.

In case you would like to proceed through our wedding department, the papers need to be sent to us at least 4 months before the wedding (except the No-impediment) in order to make the wedding arrangements.

The other way would be to prepare the documents via the Greek Embassy, kindly request more information & price at the Embassy.

Moreover, kindly note there is a fee of 100€ that the couple pays at the Town Hall (price is subject to change).

Also, 3 days before the civil wedding you will have to bring the original papers at the Town Hall. This means it is essential to be in Crete at least 3-4 days before the wedding date. All submitted documents will be kept by the Greek Authorities after the wedding.

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