

CIVIL MARRIAGE AT PARALIMNI MUNICIPALITY

The natural beauty of Paralimni – Protaras area seems to have been created for weddings. Civil marriages can be solemnized at Paralimni Municipality according to the Marriage Law 104(I) of 2003.

Paralimni Municipality has prepared the following document as a convenient reference guide, so that couples can be informed of all the legal requirements for organizing their civil wedding.

Civil Marriages can be solemnized between Cypriot citizens, Cypriots with foreigners and between foreigners. Civil ceremonies are performed in either Paralimni Town Hall or in authorized wedding venues.

The interested parties after their arrival in Cyprus must apply personally or with their wedding planner assisting, to the Marriage Officer of Paralimni Municipality, in order to go through certain formalities which are necessary prior to their marriage and are valid for 3 months.

The couple should be in position to present the following legal documents:

- Passports and (copies of the information pages of both parties passports)
- birth certificates (long ones)
- dated, stamped and signed (original) documents from the competent authority
 of their countries of origin for their <u>present marital status</u> (single, divorced,
 widow or widower)
 - -Please note that the marital status documents are valid for 3 months from the issue date unless they indicate otherwise.
- In case of foreigners who live permanent in Cyprus, a Non Impediment Certificate by the Registrar of Marriages (Population Department in Nicosia), is needed. Its date of issue must not be more than two months.
- original Decree Absolute in case of divorce
- death certificate of their late partner in case of widowhood
- name change documents -deed poll if any
- copies of passports of two adult witnesses (above eighteen years old)
- if either party of the intended marriage is under 18 years of age, the written consent of the father or if he is dead or incapable of consenting, of the mother or the lawful guardian of such party, must be produced to the Marriage Officer.

All documents that are not in English or Greek, must be translated into either English or Greek by authorized translators.

It must be stressed that the names we use for the wedding certificate are taken from the passports.

The actual ceremony is short and simple with duration of 10-15 minutes. Guidance given at all times by the Marriage Officer. At the end of the ceremony couples will receive their original Certificate of Marriage, signed by their two witnesses and by the Marriage Officer.

The fees are as follows:

- *Marriage by Notice on the same day of the couple's registration in our office or in less than 15 calendar days €281, 92
- *Marriage by Notice after the pass of 15 calendar days from the day of the couple's registration in our office but not later than three months €128, 15

Additional fees for marriages taking place from Monday-Friday:

Authorized venues in hotels - €170.86

St. Elias Garden Venue in Protaras - €170.86 (including our basic decoration)

PERNERA BLUE WATERS - €270 (including our basic decoration)

(€170.86 for a wedding couple & their 2 witnesses)

AYIA TRIADA BEACH VENUE-€200 (including our basic decoration)

Traditional House of Paralimni Municipality - €70

All venues are charged with €100 for Saturday weddings.

Town Hall Venue/Ceremonial Room - not any extra fee – (€170.86 for weekends or not on working hours)

*Certified True Copy of the original marriage certificate - €13, 67.

The payment of the fees is in cash or credit cards on the day of the couple's appointment for completion of paperwork at the Wedding Registry Office of Paralimni Town Hall.

*These fees are set by the government and as such are subject to changes by the government.

For any further information concerning the procedure of civil marriage and in order to arrange an appointment for the application or the celebration of a marriage please contact the Wedding Registry Office at Paralimni Municipality.

Wedding Registry Office Paralimni Municipality Tel: 00357 23744268

Fax: 00357 23744267

E-mail: <u>marriage@paralimni.org.cy</u>

Opening hours:

Mon-Fri 7:30am –15:00pm

This leaflet, which has been prepared by Paralimni Municipality, does not constitute any legal or official document but a mere informative instrument aiming to assist the reader to acquire basic knowledge of the procedure for the celebration of a civil marriage in Paralimni.

Some of the authorities responsible for supplying marital status certificates according to nationality:

UK passports

- Statutory Declarations (also known as Affidavits) for the present marital status, dated, stamped and signed by a registered solicitor (drafted/printed preferably on a headed paper or accompanied by the business card of the solicitor), based on the Statutory Declarations Act. 1835 - must be obtained within 3 months to the date of the registration for the wedding, or Certificates of No Impediment or Sworn Declarations before the Registrar of the District Court in

Paralimni(for residents in Cyprus).

-Department of Foreign Affairs in IRELAND-Irish passports

Swedish passports -Swedish Tax Administration-

Norwegian passports - Registry of Population-

Ukrainian passports - Marriage Status Statement by a Government Public Notary in

Ukraine& Apostille stamp by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine

Lebanese passports -Ministry of Interior-Document & translation should be

> Stamped by the Cyprus Embassy in Lebanon (a true copy is required by the Lebanese Embassy in Nicosia/Cyprus) & by

the Minister of Foreign Affairs

-Russian Government Authorities in Russia-**Russians passports**

> -Archives of the Registry Office of the Administration of the Region or Statement by a government notary public

Israeli passports -Ministry of Interior-

Moldovian passports -Ministry of Information Development-Civil Status Service-

Certificate of civil status

Bulgarian passports

-Municipalities-

Slovakian passports -

Certificates by the Slovak Embassy in Nicosia

German passports

-Civil Registry Office-

USA passports

-Certification of No Public Record (by your STATE + Apostille Stamp) or Affidavit for Marriage from the Embasy of the USA in Nicosia, Cyprus+a Statutory Declaration at the

District Court in Paralimni, Cyprus)

Philippino passports - National Statistics Office – Republic of the Philippines

(stamped by the Cyprus Consulate in the Philippines and by

the Consulate of Philippines in Nicosia, Cyprus)

Hungarian passports - Central Hungary Regional State Administration Office

Department of Authorities

-Certificate of no Impediment- Czech Republic Czech passports Uzbekistani passports-Ministry of Justice –Republic of Uzbekistan

Lithuanian passports-Certificate of Capacity to contract marriage - Municipality

Administration Office – Civil Registry Office, Republic of

Lithuania

Romanian passports - Municipality/Public Community Service for Records of People

-Civil Status Office – Swiss Confederation **Swiss passports**

-Registry Office/Republic of Poland Polish passports

- Embassy of France in Nicosia/Cyprus or by a Government French passports

authority in France (Registry Office)

Italian passports -Municipalities

^{*}Please note that citizens of countries members to the Haque Convention should stamp their documents with an APOSSTILLE stamp. No need for an apostille stamp for EU members. Other nationals must legalize them with the legalisation stamp by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.