

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATIONS OF MARRIAGES IN MISSION/ SRI LANKA  
(FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS)**



- **Public Opening Hours – Mon - Fri from 9.30am to 1pm.**
- **Telephone Inquires - Mon - Fri from 2.30pm to 5.00pm.**
- **No prior appointments - First come first served basis.**
- **All original documents must be submitted along with photocopies.**
- **Fees - ONLY CASH at the Consular Counters.**
- **[Click here to view the High Commission Holidays](#)**

**PLEASE NOTE: Marriages registered at the Sri Lanka High Commission in London are not recognised by the British authorities, unless the marriage has first been registered in accordance with the UK regulations.**

One of the parties to the marriage should be a Sri Lankan national and should give Notice of Marriage to the High Commission. (Forms are available at the High Commission).

### Requirements:-

- Valid passports with current visas of both parties should be produced.
- Original Birth Certificates with English translation of both parties
- Two (02) witnesses – should be Sri Lankan nationals with valid visas and valid passports at their presence. Witnesses should be known to the both parties.
- Both parties should submit following documents

a) Singles - Unmarried certificate/s

b) Divorcees- Divorce Certificate and Free to Marry Certificate/s

c) If widowed, the Death Certificate of your late spouse, your previous marriage certificate and Free to Marry Certificate

d) If you have changed your name, a Deed Poll (including divorcees who have reverted to their maiden names)

- Unmarried certificate / Free to Marry Certificate: - An affidavit/ statutory declaration signed by a solicitor to confirm who you are and your present status (un-married/ free marry). Separate affidavits for the period of time lived in different countries which are certified/ legalised by the respective Foreign Office and attested by the Sri Lankan Mission accredited to that country.

- Unmarried Certificates of Sri Lankan nationals for the time lived in Sri Lanka should be attested by the Consular Division of the Ministry of External Affairs in Colombo.

- Unmarried Certificates of non Sri Lankan nationals should be certified by their respective Diplomatic Mission in the UK and legalised by the Sri Lanka High Commission in London.

- Residence Requirements: - Both parties should have lived in the UK for ten (10) or more days immediately prior to the date of giving notice of marriage.

### Procedure

1. Notice of Marriage: - the Notice of Marriage Form should be completed in the presence of a Diplomatic Officer and signed by two (02) witnesses at presence at the High Commission.

2. Marriage Registration: - Any time after twelve (12) working days and before three (03) months of giving notice at the High Commission premises.

### Fee:

1. Notice of Marriage - £ 30.00
2. Registration of Marriage - £ 30.00

### **Additional Information:**

Registrar General's Department  
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Sri Lanka  
TP: 00 94 11 2393071

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