

FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES ABROAD AND OBTAINING THE FAMILY RECORD BOOK

TO WHOM?

For marriages celebrated abroad when at least one of the contracting parties has Spanish nationality or acquires it after the celebration of the marriage.

WHERE TO APPLY?

At the Central Civil Registry, located at Calle Bolsa, 1 28012, Madrid, although the procedure may be initiated at the Civil Registry of the current address of the spouses.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. In the case of canonical marriage:
 - a) Presentation of the ecclesiastical certification expressing the circumstances chosen by the legislation.
 - b) Literal birth certificate of the Spanish spouse or the naturalised spouse, issued by the Spanish Civil Registry.
 - c) Birth certificate of the foreign spouse.
 - d) National Identity Card of the Spanish or nationalised spouse.
 - e) Proof of the applicant's address in Spain.
 - f) Declaratory data sheet.
2. In the case of civil marriage:
 - a) Marriage certificate issued by the local foreign registry office.
 - b) Literal birth certificate of the Spanish spouse or the naturalised spouse, issued by the Spanish Civil Registry.
 - c) Birth certificate of the foreign spouse.
 - d) National Identity Card of the Spanish national or nationalised person.
 - e) Proof of the applicant's address in Spain.
 - f) Declaratory data sheet.

In the case of documents issued by a foreign institution (except passport), the following must be taken into account:

1. The documents must be endorsed by the Hague Apostille or legalised through diplomatic channel if the country is not a signatory to the Hague Convention.
2. If it is not in Spanish, it must be attached a sworn translation made by a translator authorised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or those made and reviewed by the Consular Offices of the Spanish Embassies abroad, or by the Embassies of the country of origin of the document and based in Spain.

At the time of qualification, any information deemed appropriate may be asked by the Magistrate Judge in charge, to whom the registry qualification corresponds, or the Secretary General of the Registry in the processing of the files in which he intervenes.

Once the marriage has been registered, an application for the issue of a family record book in the usual way.

USEFUL LINKS

1. [Guide to the registration of marriages contracted by Spaniards abroad](#)
2. [Ministry of Justice – Marriage Registration](#)