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*General Requirements for US citizens to get married
in the Dominican Republic*

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DOCUMENTS LEGAL CIVIL CEREMONY

In the Dominican Republic

First, please check with the civil registry you have chosen for your wedding, what documents are required to get married & what legalization and stamps you might need. Usually you can get a list of all the requirements, if not please ask them to write it down for you.

Generally, the same law applies all over the island. But not all the civil registries perform them the same way. Therefore it is important to talk to the person in charge of your registry office. If you are not in the Dominican Republic prior to your wedding, we can do that for you.

In the US

Step 1

Get a copy of your passport.

Step 2

Get your birth certification (long form - you can order it from vital records see Step 4)

Step 3

You need a sworn declaration before a notary public, of being single and eligible to marry. If the Sworn declaration is done before a U.S. notary, it then needs to be legalized at the closest Dominican Consulate in the U.S.

If you decide to do this in the Dominican Republic: the sworn declaration, then needs to be legalized at the Offices of Procuraduría General de La República Dominicana.

Step 4

Get all your documents an apostille at the office of Vital Records in your state or visit www.italiamerica.org/vital_records.htm

In the Dominican Republic

Step 1

Translate all your documents to Spanish

Step 2

Legalize all the translations at the Offices of Procuraduría General de La República Dominicana.

Witnesses

Furthermore, you need 2 witnesses (can't be family or have the same family name as the wedding couple). If you will get married without friends and family members, we can provide witnesses.

In case you have joint children

If you have joint children, you will need to provide a birth certificate as well - they also need to have an apostille and be translated.

In case you have been married before

If you have been married before, please provide divorce certificate or death certificate. The document needs to have an apostille and be translated to Spanish.

Ready!

Now you have all the documentation to get married in the Dominican Republic. Please note, Documents are **only valid for 3 months** in the Dominican Republic.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO REGISTER YOUR MARRIAGE IN THE US AFTER GETTING MARRIED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

First of all, please **check with the civil registry of your place of domicile**, what documents, legalization or stamps are required - as this can be different depending on the US state.

Generally you need to get a **Acta inextensa de Matrimonio** .

In the Dominican Republic

Step 1

Your marriage certification must be legalized by the Junta Central Electoral.

Step 2

The foreign ministry of the Dominican Republic (Cancilleria) must legalize the document as well.

Ready!

Generally, you can now take the marriage certificate to your local civil registry.

Please note, **if you got married to a Dominican citizen** you need to get a spousal visa. You can find more information on this site:

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/marrying-citizen-the-dominican-republic-how-get-green-card-your-new-spouse.html>

Let us know if you have any questions. Contact us by email info@wedding-dominicanrepublic.com or through the contact form on our website: www.wedding-dominicanrepublic.com

For specific questions regarding the process in the US, please check with the civil registry of your place of domicile.

