

CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONIES IN KUWAIT

Disclaimer: The information provided is a general guide based on information provided by the local authorities. U.S. Citizens wishing to obtain information about marriage must also contact the relevant local authorities to be sure of the requirements that they need in order to proceed with their ceremony.

1. Complete the attached "**Free To Marry**" affidavit form. This form must be notarized by the Consul at the U.S. Embassy (do not sign the affidavit until you appear in front of a Consular Officer). Do not make any changes to the format of the document. There is a fee of **KD 15** (non-refundable) for each document notarized by the Embassy. The service is only provided for U.S. citizens; foreign nationals must visit their respective embassy.

The format of this document CANNOT be changed to meet the requirements of the Government of Kuwait. The fees are not refundable. Please visit the notary service page on the U.S. Embassy website for additional information on how to obtain the necessary documents in the U.S. should the Government of Kuwait not accept this document.

2. The Authentication Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait must then authenticate the "**Free to Marry**" affidavit. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is in Shuwaikh next to the Kuwait News Agency. The office is open from: 7:30 A.M. to 12 P.M., telephone: 2243-0541.

3. The "Free to Marry" affidavit must be translated into Arabic. The Embassy cannot translate documents, but can provide a list of translators.

4. Take the "**Free to Marry**" affidavit with the Arabic translation to the Office of the Public Notary in the Ministers Complex for the marriage ceremony. Address: Murgab area, Ministries complex, ground floor, Block no. 15, room 25, telephone: 2248-6444. The office is open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. **Two male witnesses are required. Make sure that the witnesses carry either their passports or valid identifications (someone with a Kuwait civil ID is preferable) with them. Take photocopies of the identifications for all parties involved.**

Before me _____ (vice) Consul of the United States of America, Kuwait City, Kuwait, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that before me personally appeared _____ who, being duly sworn, deposed and stated:

My name is _____
I reside in _____
I was born on _____ in _____
I intend to marry _____
who is a national of _____

I am a citizen of the United States of America.
I am not and I have not been previously married or:
I have previously been married to _____
who is a citizen of _____ the marriage was terminated
through _____ as evidenced by _____
_____ .

I am not related to my intended spouse by blood or marriage.
I know of no objection or impediment to marriage with the person named above.
I am free from infectious and venereal diseases.
If subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Army, Navy or Air force, I have informed my chain of command.

Signature of Affiant

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 2013.

For the contents of the foregoing document I assume no responsibility.

(vice) Consul of the United States of America

