

A legal marriage in Thailand consists of both parties registering their marriage in person with the local Thai Amphur (Civil Registry Office). The United States does recognize the validity of such a marriage. For American citizens marrying either Thai citizens or another American citizen, the procedure is the same. For Americans marrying a third-country national, their prospective spouse must also follow a similar procedure with their own embassy.

#### Procedure

1. **Complete an affidavit at the U.S. Embassy.** The affidavit form, available in our office or you may [download a copy of the form here \(PDF 42KB\)](#), includes all of the information required by relevant Thai law. The form must be completed and notarized at the Embassy. The notarial fee is \$50 per seal. [Make an appointment for a notary service.](#)
2. **Have the notarized affidavit translated.** [List of translators in the Bangkok area \(PDF 50KB\).](#)
3. **Take the affidavit and translation to:**

Legalization Division  
Department of Consular Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
3rd Floor, 123 Chaeng Wattana Road  
Tung Song Hong, Laksi District, Bangkok  
Tel: 02-575-1057-8, Fax: 02-575-1054

**NOTE:** this office is located in a northern suburb of Bangkok, approximately 30 minutes' drive from the Embassy.

4. **Take the affidavit and supporting documents to a local Amphur and register yourselves as married.** The Amphur will also require the following documents:
  - Your U.S. passport;
  - Identification for the other party, such as a Thai citizen's identification card; If either party is under the age of twenty, written permission from the parents with Thai translation);
  - If either you or your fiance have been previously married the Amphur will want to see proof that prior marriages have been terminated. Divorce or death certificates should suffice. These documents, if available, should be translated into Thai prior to presentation at the Amphur.
5. **The Amphur's office will provide a marriage certificate.** Have the marriage certificate translated and take it for legalization at:

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6. **Bring the legalized marriage certificate to the Embassy for authentication.** Make an appointment for a notarial to authenticate the marriage certificate. The notarial fee is \$50 per seal.

**This last step is important if you wish to register your marriage in the United States.**

**NOTE: The U.S. Embassy DOES NOT register marriages and neither do we keep copies of individuals' marriage certificates. To register your marriage in the United States, you need to contact the office of the Attorney General of your state of residence in the United States.**