

MARRIAGE IN ARGENTINA

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To be married in Argentina, one or both parties must be a resident of the country. No marriage can be performed if both parties are tourists in Argentina.

1. Application forms for permission to marry must be picked up at the district civil registry office no less than 30 days prior to the date the marriage is to take place. Normally the district of residence of the bride or groom will determine which district civil registry office will be used.
2. Medical examination forms are picked up at the same time at the same office. A doctor will be specified. There is a for the marriage book. The interested parties will pick up the results of the examination.
3. Either party may request the civil registry office in the area of residence to perform the marriage.
4. Proof of previous marriages must show legal termination either by death or divorce. Death certificates or divorce decrees issued in the United States must be authenticated by apostille from the office of the Secretary of State in the state where the divorce decree was issued. This apostille process is accepted by the government of Argentina under the Hague Convention.
5. Applicants stand in line on the appointed date at the Civil Registry Office on a first come-first serve basis. The ceremony will last only a few minutes. Two witnesses must be in attendance at the ceremony.
6. Minors: Brides from 16 to 20 years old, and grooms from 18 to 20 years old. Birth certificate and parents' IDs, plus a parental authorization must be presented (death certificate is needed if one of the parents is deceased). If the parents do not issue their consent, a judicial authorization will be needed. If one of the parents is absent, the one who is present must submit an ID and an authorization from the absent parent, authenticated by the nearest Argentine Consulate and subsequently authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Buenos Aires.

Please visit the following website for additional information: <http://www.buenosaires.gov.ar/registrocivil>.

