

## KENYAN MARRIAGE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

### MARRIAGE BETWEEN A KENYAN AND A FOREIGNER

#### KENYAN

1. Identification card/valid Kenyan passport(**Copies & Original**)
2. Coloured passport size photo
3. Birth Certificate (**Copies & Original**)
4. Affidavit.
  - Death Certificate (In the case of widowed person)- **Copy & original**
  - Divorce Decree Absolute (In the case of divorce person)- **Copy & original**

#### FOREIGN NATIONAL

1. Valid passport (**Copies & Original**)
2. Birth Certificate (**Copies & Original**)
3. Passport size photo (Colored)
4. A Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage.
  - **Death Certificate.** (In the case of widowed person)- **or**
  - **Divorce Decree Absolute.** (In the case of divorce person)- **Copy & original**
5. Return air ticket/visa/work permit.  
**\*Both parties to be present**  
\*Copy Pastor's License- for a Church wedding & Serial No. of Certificate

**NB: Any document in a language other than English MUST be translated and verified as true translation.**

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### FEES (subject to change)

- **21 days' notice fee- Kshs.600.00**
- **Booking fee- Kshs.3,300.00** - Ceremony at the Registrar's office or **Kshs.800.00** - Ceremony at church-Registrar's certificate is issued to take to the church
- **Special License - Kshs.7,200.00-** Ceremonies that take place outside a church or Registrar's Office

### Other services offered by the Registrar of Marriages

- Guidance on all marriages solemnized under the Marriage Act 4 of 2014.
- Recognition of foreign marriages as civil marriages in Kenya.
- Guidance on celebration of civil marriages at Kenyan High Commissions and Consulates outside Kenya.
- Issuance of "Certificates of no Impediment" to marry for Kenyan Nationals.

### How to contact the Registrar of Marriages

It is recommended that any foreign national intending to get married in any part of Kenya visit the Registrar of Marriages office in Nairobi for proper guidance.

**Physical address:** Registrar of Marriages, State Law Office, Sheria House, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi.

**Telephone number:** +254 020 222 7461/62

**Postal address:** P. O. Box 40112-00100, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi

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