

Application for Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage or Civil Union

He tono mō tētahi Tiwhikete mō te Aweto-Kore ki te Mārena, Hono ā-Ture rānei

If you are getting married or entering into a civil union outside New Zealand it is important that you contact the authorities in that country to check their laws and requirements and allow a minimum statutory period of 14 days, but as a general rule, you should allow four weeks if your document also requires Authentication.

Definitions

Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage/Civil Union

Certain overseas countries require a 'Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage/Civil Union' before allowing you to marry or enter into a civil union. The certificate is evidence that after searches and inquiries, no lawful impediment to the intended marriage/civil union has been shown to exist in your country of citizenship or residence, and according to New Zealand laws you are eligible to be married or enter into a civil union.

Your Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage/Civil Union may require an Apostille or Authentication:

Apostilled or e-Apostilled certificate

This confirms that the person who signed the document has the authority to do so and that the document should therefore be recognised as legal without further evidence in another country which has joined the Hague Convention.

Authenticated certificate

This confirms that the person who signed the document has the authority to do so and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade verifies the signature and seal of the Department of Internal Affairs.

For more information about Apostille or authentication refer to www.dia.govt.nz/Document-authentication

Who signs?

The person intending to get married or enter into a civil union outside New Zealand must complete and sign this application

We will write to your parents, relative or a friend +

Your parent/s, relative or friend will be sent a letter asking that they confirm that they know of no lawful impediment to you marrying/entering into a civil union. Ensure the address you provide for them is accurate as your certificate will not be issued until Births, Deaths and Marriages has received their letter in response. If you don't have any family or friends living in New Zealand you can provide the details of someone living overseas. Please indicate if either parent is deceased.

Registration of Overseas Marriages/Civil Unions in New Zealand

If you have married or entered into a civil union overseas and wish to confirm that your overseas marriage or civil union is valid in New Zealand you may apply to the Family Court for a declaration as to the validity of the marriage/civil union. Contact a lawyer to discuss whether it is necessary to obtain a declaration. Your marriage/civil union should be registered in the country where it takes place. There is no legal requirement to have an overseas marriage registered in New Zealand. Overseas civil unions can not be registered in New Zealand.

Marriages in an overseas country may be registered in New Zealand only if an officer from a New Zealand Embassy or High Commission attends the marriage ceremony. A certificate may then be sent by the Embassy/High Commission to the Registrar-General, and the marriage details are then able to be recorded in the New Zealand marriage register. You should liaise with the New Zealand Embassy or High Commission prior to the marriage taking place to establish whether a New Zealand representative is available to attend. Fees may be payable to the Embassy or High Commission for this service.

If you require a Single Status certificate

Some countries require a single status certificate, or a similarly named document, as evidence that you are single for the purpose of immigration or for a work permit etc. While Births, Deaths and Marriages do not have such a product, we do provide for a Certificate of Search that states that a search of the marriage and civil union registers has been carried out from a certain date (usually when the applicant turned 16).

General information

What else might need to be done after the certificate is issued?

For marriages/civil unions in some countries, the representative of that country in New Zealand must endorse the Certificate of No Impediment before it is sent. The fee for this service is in addition to the fee payable in respect of the notice.



How much time should I allow for this?

Once Births, Deaths and Marriages has received and processed the application, a Certificate of No Impediment will not be issued until after a minimum statutory period of 14 days, but as a general rule, you should allow four weeks if your document also requires Authentication.

Does the certificate have a validity period?

Some countries may treat a Certificate of No Impediment as valid only for a certain period after its issue date.



How much does it cost?

The base fee is NZ\$170.00 but there may be additional costs depending on the country you intend to get married in.



Where can I find more information?

Country specific information about the process, fee and timeframe to apply for a Certificate of No Impediment is available at www.govt.nz/bdm. Alternatively contact Births, Deaths and Marriages or the appropriate Embassy/Consulate for further details.

How to Contact us (

- Visit our website www.govt.nz/bdm
- Freephone 0800 22 52 52 (New Zealand only)
- Phone +64 4 463 9362 (if overseas)
- Email CONI@dia.govt.nz
- If overseas you may contact New Zealand Embassies, High Commissions or Consulates

Address +

Email

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Post

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Courier



Scan and email as an attachment to CONI@dia.govt.nz

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS



Te Tari Taiwhenua

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i Please read the notes on the two pages at the front of this application form carefully before you start and allow a minimum statutory period of 14 days, but as a general rule, you should allow four weeks if your document also requires Authentication.

I give notice that, I

Your full name

First name(s)

Surname

Name given at birth (if different from above)

First name(s)

Surname

Date of your birth Day Month Year

Town/City of your birth (including country if not NZ)

If entering into a civil union and you were not born in New Zealand, what year did you arrive in New Zealand?

at present residing at

Your residential address (home address)

Line 1

Line 2

Line 3 Post code

Line 4

Your postal address (if different)

Line 1

Line 2

Line 3 Post code

Line 4

Your email address Your phone number

intend to

(Tick one)

- ☐ Get married with a Certificate of No Impediment
- ☐ Enter into a civil union with a Certificate of No Impediment
- ☐ Request a Certificate of Search (refer Notes: Single Status Certificate)

Reason you require a Certificate of Search:

Full name of the person you intend to marry or enter into a civil union with

First name(s)

Surname

If entering into a civil union also provide the person's date and place of birth:

Date of birth Day Month Year Place of birth

a national or citizen of

Country of nationality of the person you intend to marry or enter into a civil union with

Country

in

Country you intend to get married in or enter into a civil union

Country

Your parent's details (full names must be provided)**Statement A****Full name of:**☐ **Father**☐ **Mother**☐ Tick if deceased

First name(s)

Surname

Name given at birth *(if different from above)*

First name(s)

Surname

If this parent lives in New Zealand enter address

Flat number *(if applicable)*

Street number

Street name

Suburb or rural locality

City, town or district

Post Code

This parent's email address

Full name of:☐ **Father**☐ **Mother**☐ **Other parent**☐ Tick if deceased

First name(s)

Surname

Name given at birth *(if different from above)*

First name(s)

Surname

If this parent lives in New Zealand enter address

Flat number *(if applicable)*

Street number

Street name

Suburb or rural locality

City, town or district

Post Code

This parent's email address

If no parent is living in New Zealand**Statement B**

Name and address of a relative or friend (circle one) in New Zealand who has known you for at least 12 months

First name(s)

Surname

Flat number *(if applicable)*

Street number

Street name

Suburb or rural locality

City, town or district

Post Code

Relative or friend's email address

If you have previously been married or in a civil union

If you have previously been married or in a civil union, complete for your most recent marriage/civil union:

☐ Never been in a marriage or civil union - go to Signature

☐ Marriage

☐ Civil Union

b

Date of marriage/civil union

Day Month Year

Place of marriage/civil union (town or city, and country if not New Zealand)

and how and when did your previous marriage/civil union end?

☐ Death of spouse/partner

☐ By dissolution/divorce*

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Date of dissolution/divorce or death of partner

Day Month Year

*If either the marriage/civil union or the dissolution/divorce occurred outside New Zealand **attach a copy** of your Order of Dissolution/Divorce. If not in English translate into English using a recognised organisation.

Signature (of the person intending to get married or enter into a civil union outside New Zealand)

Signature
of applicant

Date signed

Full name

Payment details **i**

Contact us for fees

DO NOT POST CASH

Step 1: How much is the fee?

Select your country

Country (1 Apostille)

Country (2 Apostilles)

Step 2: If an Apostille country, which product do you want?

If the country you intend to marry or enter into a civil union requires an Apostille, you may have the option of choosing to have an e-Apostille. For more information refer to www.dia.govt.nz/Document-authentication

I request a: ☐ Apostille (qty 1)

☐ e-Apostille (qty 1)

☐ Apostille and e-Apostille (qty 2)

Step 3: How do you want to pay?

Fee NZ\$

(fee from Step 1)

Courier NZ\$

Select Country. The number in brackets is estimated delivery in working days. Courier is recommended if overseas.

TOTAL NZ\$

☐ Paying in person at our Auckland, Manukau, Wellington or Christchurch office (EFTPOS or cash)

☐ I enclose a New Zealand cheque, New Zealand money order or International bankdraft in New Zealand dollars made out to:
☐ The Department of Internal Affairs

☐ Charge my credit/debit card: ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ Amex ☐ Prezzy Card

Card number

Expiry date

Cardholder's name

Cardholder's signature