

# Court Marriage and Marriage Registration in Nepal: A Complete Guide



## 1. Law that regulate the Process of Marriage in Nepal:

Marriage registration in Nepal is governed by the **Civil Code 2017 (2074)**, mainly from **(Chapter 67-84)**.

## 2. Who can register a Marriage in Nepal?

### a. Two Nepali Citizens

- Whether living in Nepal or abroad

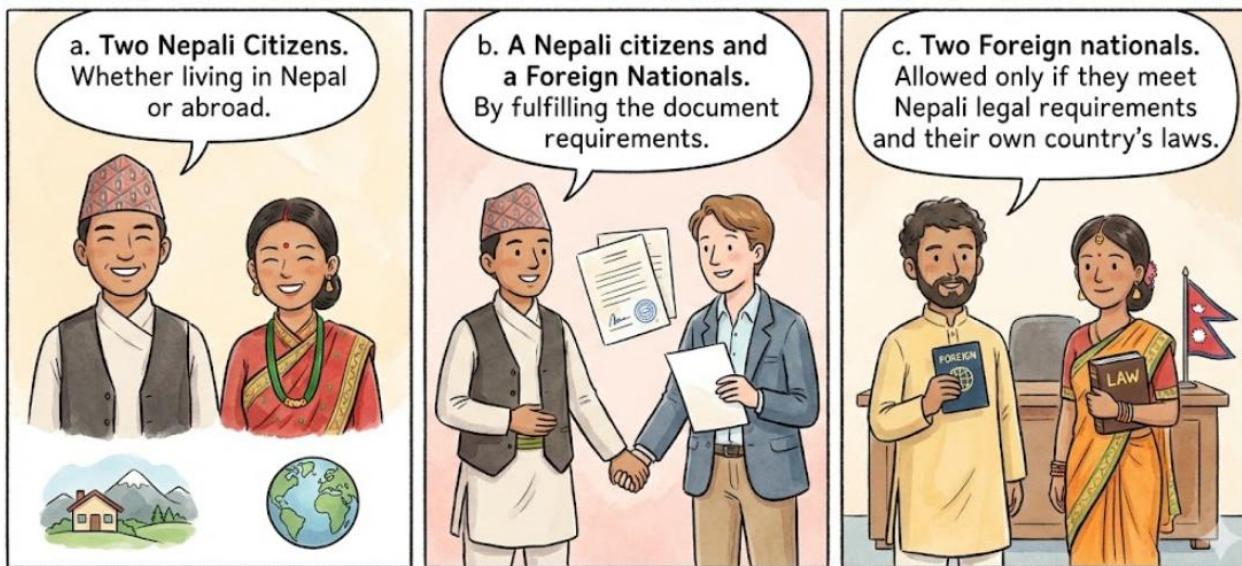
### b. A Nepali citizens and a Foreign Nationals.

- By fulfilling the document requirements.

### c. Two Foreign nationals

- Allowed only if they meet Nepali legal requirements and their own country's laws.

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### 3. Process of Registering Marriage in Nepal.

Marriage Registration can be done through three methods as mentioned:

#### a. Registration in ward offices:

- Marriage through rituals or ceremonies.
- Marriage through community or customary practices.

#### b. Registration in District Court (Court Marriage)

- Document Review & Drafting
- Submission of application at District Court
- Verification & Interview
- Registration Order by Judge
- Issuance of Marriage Certificate

#### c. Registration through Embassy/ Consulate

- Nepalese living abroad can register their marriage through Nepali Embassies or Consulates.

### 4. Is Marriage Registration Compulsory in Nepal?

## **Yes.**

According to Section 76 of the Marriage Chapter under the Civil Code, 2074 every marriage must be registered either at the District Court, the concerned Ward Office, or at a Nepali Embassy/Consulate.

Once the application is submitted, the authority is required to issue the Marriage Registration Certificate within 15 days, from their respective wards.

## **5. What is the eligibility and minimum age of marriage in Nepal.**

For any marriage to be registered in Nepal, both individuals must meet the following legal requirements:

- **Age:** Both the man and woman must be at least 20 years old.
- **Consent:** The marriage must be based on the free and mutual consent of both parties.
- **Marital Status:** Neither person should have an existing marital relationship (must be single, legally divorced, or widowed).
- **Kinship:** The couple must not be related within a prohibited degree of kinship (incestuous relationships are forbidden by law).

## **6. Documents Required for Court Marriage in Nepal**

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For Nepali Citizens	For Foreign Nationals
a) Application	 a) Passport and valid visa
 b) Citizenship Certificate	 b) No Objection Certificate
 c) Passport-size photos	 c) Translated Marriage Law
 d) Ward Office Letter	 d) Proof of Residence
 e) Birth Certificate	
 f) Temporary Residence Letter	

### **For Nepali Citizens**

- a) Application of Marriage Registration
- b) Citizenship Certificate of both parties
- c) Passport-size photos (**4 piece each**)
- d) A letter from the Ward Office confirming that both the man and woman are either unmarried or legally divorced (**Orginal**)
- e) Birth Certificate (**optional but recommended**)
- f) Anyone marrying in another district must present a temporary residence letter showing at least 15 days of stay, issued by the concerned ward office. (**Orginal**)

### **For Foreign Nationals**

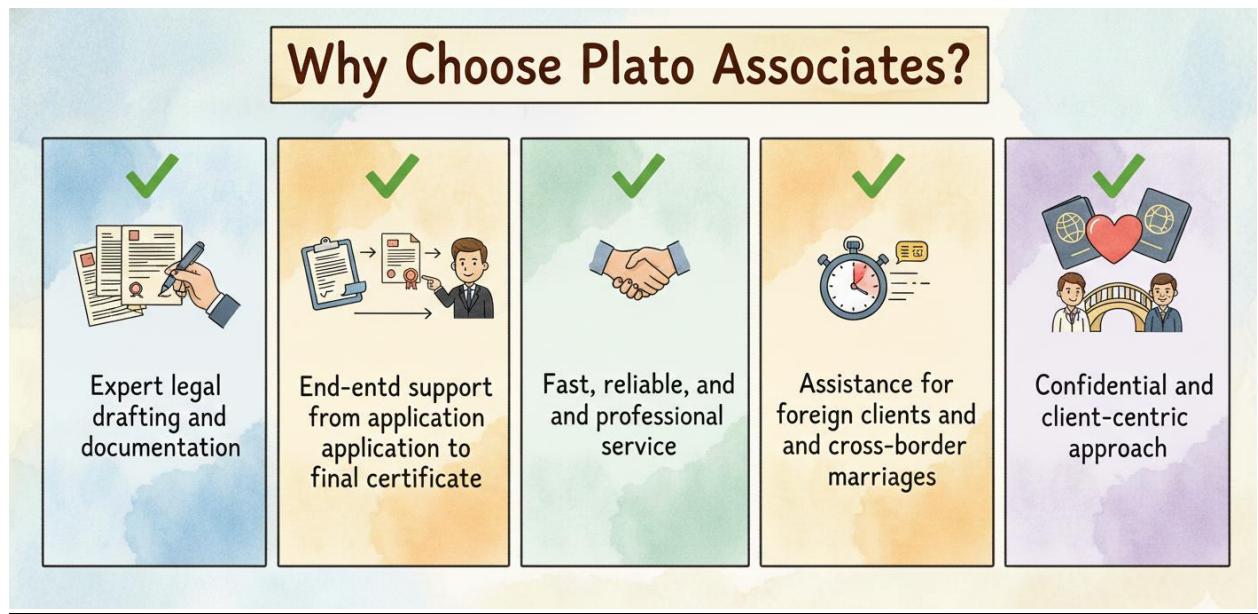
- a) Application of Marriage Registration,
- b) Copy of Passport and valid visa.
- c) Passport-size photos (**4 piece each**)
- d) A No Objection Certificate issued by the relevant embassy or consulate in Nepal is required for foreigners to marry.
- e) Translated Notarized Copy of the Marriage Law of the Foreign Country in Nepali Language.
- f) A Minimum of 15 Days' Proof of Residence in Nepal from the concerned local level Ward Office.

## **7. Why Register Your Marriage?**



- a. Legal proof for immigration or visa applications
- b. Required for citizenship applications
- c. Property rights & inheritance
- d. Insurance, banking, and pension benefits
- e. Protection of spousal rights

## **6. Why Choose Plato Associates?**



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