

Court marriage Process in Nepal

1. Eligibility Criteria

Before proceeding with the court marriage process, ensure that both individuals meet the following criteria:

- **Age:** Both individuals must be at least 20 years old. (The legal marriageable age in Nepal is 20 for both men and women).
- **Consent:** Both parties must give free consent to the marriage. Forced marriages are not allowed.

2. Documents Required

Both individuals must provide certain documents to the court for the marriage registration:

- **Citizenship Certificates** (for Nepali citizens).
- **Passport** or any valid government-issued ID for foreigners.
- **Affidavit of Single Status** or a declaration confirming that neither party is married to someone else.
- **Photographs:** Passport-sized photos of both individuals.
- **Marriage Application Form:** Filled form from the court.
- **Witnesses:** Two witnesses (above 20 years old) are required to sign the marriage application.

3. Marriage Application

Both parties must submit a marriage application form to the local District Court. It must be signed by both parties and the two witnesses.

4. Court Hearing

After submitting the application, the court will schedule a hearing. During the hearing, the court will confirm the identity of both individuals, their age, and ensure that both parties consent to the marriage. The court may also inquire about any prior marriages to ensure there are no legal barriers to the marriage.

5. Marriage Registration

Once the court is satisfied with the application and hearing, the marriage will be officially registered. The couple will sign the marriage certificate, and the two witnesses will also sign as confirmation.

- **Certificate:** After the registration, the couple will receive a marriage certificate, which legally acknowledges the marriage.
- The court marriage certificate can be used for legal and official purposes, such as changing the marital status on government records.

6. Post-Marriage Documentation

After the court marriage, you may want to update your documents:

- **Citizenship and Passport:** For Nepali citizens, you can update your marital status in your citizenship certificate or passport.
- **Legal Benefits:** The marriage certificate will also be necessary to claim legal rights, including property inheritance, visas for a spouse, etc.