



## Civil Status & Registration Office

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### Registry of Marriages & Civil Partnerships

### Ceremony Guidance Notes & Booking Form

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## MARRIAGES

In Gibraltar, the marriage between two persons is provided for under the Gibraltar Marriage Act. Under its provisions, it is possible, by means of a Special Licence granted under Section 13 of the Act, for residents and non-residents alike to get married in Gibraltar. It also enables a Marriage ceremony to be conducted at approved locations outside the Registry and outside working hours and at weekends.

## CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Civil Partnerships in Gibraltar between two persons is provided for under the Civil Partnership Act. Under its provisions, it is possible, by means of a Special Licence granted under Section 12 of the Act, for residents and non-residents alike to form a Civil Partnership in Gibraltar. It also enables a Civil Partnership ceremony to be conducted at approved locations outside the Registry and outside working hours and at weekends.

# 2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

In order to get married or enter into a civil partnership at the Registry by means of a Special Licence, you must be able to satisfy the Registrar that you are able to do so by completing Affidavits (Appendix 'A' or Appendix 'B') and signing them before a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary Public of your choice in Gibraltar.

Please remember that Commissioner for Oaths and Notaries will charge you for their services and it is up to you to make all the arrangements directly with them.

Non-residents wishing to get married or enter into a civil partnership in Gibraltar must provide the Registrar with documentary evidence that they will be staying in Gibraltar, for at least one night, immediately prior to or, immediately after the ceremony.

The Registrar will accept any of the evidence listed below:

- A Gibraltar hotel bill covering the night before or the night after the ceremony;
- A Gibraltar hotel booking form confirming that the night of the ceremony is paid for;
- A statement by a resident of Gibraltar confirming that the parties spent the night before the ceremony, or will spend the night of the ceremony, as their guest at the relevant address (which must be specified); or
- Another form of proof that the parties were or will be in Gibraltar on the night before or the night of the ceremony, to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

# 3. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

When applying for a Special Licence you are required to show certain physical documents as proof of identity, age and marital status.

Foreign language documents that are not multi-language certificates must be accompanied by an officially certified translation into the English language by one of the following:

- a) Confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document;
- b) The full name and original signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company, and
- c) The translator or translation company's contact details.

In addition, persons wishing to get married or enter into a civil partnership will have to prove their identity by providing the Registrar with **ORIGINALS\*** of the following:

## SINGLE PERSONS NEVER HAVING BEEN MARRIED AND NEVER HAVING ENTERED INTO A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

- Passport, National Identity Card or other acceptable form of identity;
- Original full Birth Certificate showing parents' names (or *Adoption Certificate*).

## WIDOWS/WIDOWERS/SURVIVING PARTNERS

- Passport, National Identity Card or other acceptable form of identity;
- Original full Birth Certificate showing parents' names (*or Adoption Certificate*);
- Previous Original Marriage or Civil Partnership Certificate;
- Original Death Certificate of your late spouse or civil partner.

## PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARRIED OR WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY ENTERED INTO A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

- Passport, National Identity Card or other acceptable form of identity;
- Original full Birth Certificate showing parents' names (*or Adoption Certificate*);
- Final and absolute original Divorce Decree or original Certificate of Annulment of your previous marriage, or original Dissolution or original Nullity Order in respect of your previous civil partnership. We only accept original stamped copies from the court – a photocopy is not acceptable.
- Previous Original Marriage or Civil Partnership Certificate (Female Applicants Only);

## CHANGE OF NAME

If you have changed your name in any way, you must produce official evidence of your change of name.

## RESIDENCE DOCUMENTATION

The Registrar **may** request evidence that you are legally resident in your respective country. In the case of persons who reside in the United Kingdom, a UK Residence Permit – if they reside in any other EU country a valid permit of residence.

## OTHER DOCUMENTATION

In addition to the above, the Registrar may, at his sole discretion, ask for any other documents considered necessary.

*\*ORIGINALS means the original physical certificate(s) issued at the time of the registration. There may be instances where the original certificate(s) cannot be provided. Therefore, you are required to request verified copies of the original certificate(s) from the registry/court that issued the original certificate(s). These certified true copies of the original certificate(s) must bear the seal of the registry/court that issued the original certificate(s). Certified true copies of the original certificate(s) attested by a Notary Public or other person entitled in law to certify the authenticity of a document is acceptable. Laminated documents are not accepted.*

*Please do not submit unverified photocopies or scanned copies of documents, as these will be declined.*

## 4. MAKING A BOOKING FOR MARRIAGE OR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

To initiate the process you will, in the first instance, need to sign the footnote at the end of these Guidance Notes confirming that you have read and agree to the conditions contained in these notes. You must also complete and submit a Booking Form (Appendix 'C') in order to book and secure a Registrar for your ceremony.

Please note that you must include all the required documentation as specified above and we will aim to respond to you as soon as possible. It is advisable that you do not initiate the booking process if you do not have the correct documentation in your possession or is unavailable to you.

Should you decide to email your documents all should be scanned as PDF documents and sent in **ONE** email clearly stating names, date, time and venue of the ceremony in the "Subject." It is important that at this stage you do not omit any relevant or important information and/or state that the scanned documents are original when these may be not. Erroneous or misleading information in relation to the submitted documentation may compromise the whole process and may lead to the Registrar declining to perform the ceremony on the day.

Once the documents are checked and found to be compliant, we will check your request against the date and time slots available. If the chosen slot is not available, we will contact you to offer the nearest alternative. Once a date is agreed, you may provisionally book the Registrar or effect payment in order to secure and make your booking firm. If payment is made, a confirmation of your booking will be sent to you via email.

Please remember that the original\* documents **MUST** be presented when you attend the Registry Office to sign and complete the paperwork prior to the ceremony.

We welcome bookings up to a year in advance – the further ahead that you contact us to make your booking, the greater the choice of dates and times. Please be aware that Public Holidays in Gibraltar may differ from those in your country of residence, therefore, it is advisable that you acquaint yourself with these by visiting <https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/press-releases/bank-and-public-holidays>

The summer months, June to September are the busiest months, and whilst we will endeavour to accommodate your request, you will be limited for choice if you request the appointment very close to your preferred date.

As explained above, bookings will be secured and considered firm when all the necessary verifications have been undertaken, and payment has been received. Until payment is received, your date is at risk of being taken over by someone else, it is therefore in your interest to secure a date as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment. **Please note that your date will remain available to others unless payment is received.** Once payment is received, the booking will be firm and the date secured, and the Marriage Section will then send you a written confirmation to you. At this point you may also order and pay for your marriage certificate(s).

You must be aware that all the necessary arrangements for ceremonies held during the first week of the year must be completed before the Christmas break, as the Civil Status & Registration Offices will be closed during Christmas and New Year. You are therefore advised to speak to staff in order to confirm the exact dates when our offices will be closed during local festivities.

## 5. CEREMONY VENUES

### 1. CEREMONIES AT THE REGISTRY OFFICE

Marriage or Civil Partnership ceremonies at the Registry Office are conducted on weekdays between 11:00 hrs and 14:00 hrs.

No ceremonies will take place at the Registry Office during pre-Christmas week. Ceremonies will resume on the first working day of the New Year.

It is important to note that the Registry Office has a maximum capacity of 20 persons. Therefore, should your party exceed this maximum, you may wish to consider having your ceremony performed in one of our approved outside venues (see Appendix 'D') which provide for larger parties. In order to comply with Fire and Health & Safety Regulations parties of over 20 guests will have to wait in the adjoining lobby whilst the ceremony is taking place.

No food, drink (including alcohol) or animals (with the exception of assistance dogs) are permitted at the Registry Office. It is also not allowed to throw rice, confetti or the like inside the Registry Office.

Any gifts, flowers or general goods delivered to, or left at, the Registry Office in conjunction with your ceremony are not the responsibility of the staff of the Civil Status and Registration Office.

All mobile phones must be placed on silent mode when entering the ceremony room and children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

The building housing the Registry Office is a designated **NO SMOKING** building.

There are no parking facilities for the couple or their guests at the Registry Office. The nearest payable on-street parking is available at two locations, Queensway and Ragged Staff. Further information on parking is available at <http://www.visitgibraltar.gi/driving-and-park>

Wheel chair access is available.

Photographs during your Registry Office ceremony may be taken.

### 2. CEREMONIES AT THE MAYORS PARLOUR, CITY HALL

The Mayors Parlour is located within the City Hall, a building built in 1819 by a very prosperous merchant, a close friend of Lord Nelson. The Parlour is richly decorated in the Empire Style and includes many Neo classical features. The ceiling

appears as being supported by a series of pilasters, the tops of which are decorated in a composite style of Ionic and Corinthian orders of architecture, depicting events in the history of Ancient Rome. The decorative work also features cherubs and floral motifs of indigenous plants of Gibraltar. The venue is the perfect back drop for a memorable ceremony.

The room has views over John Mackintosh Square with the Gibraltar Parliament building directly opposite. The City Hall also houses the Mario Finlayson National Art Gallery, which exhibits works by prominent Gibraltarian artists.

Marriage or Civil Partnership ceremonies at the Mayors Parlour are conducted on weekdays (Monday to Friday) between 11:00 hrs and 14:00 hrs.

No ceremonies will take place at the Mayors Parlour during pre-Christmas week. Ceremonies will resume on the first working day of the New Year.

It is important to note that the Mayor's Parlour has a maximum capacity of 80 persons. Therefore, should your party exceed this maximum, you may wish to consider having your ceremony performed in another of our approved outside venues (see Appendix 'D') which may cater for larger parties.

No food, drink (including alcohol) or animals (with the exception of assistance dogs) are permitted within the City Hall. It is also not allowed to throw rice, confetti or the like inside the building.

Any gifts, flowers or general goods delivered to, or left at, the City Hall in conjunction with your ceremony are not the responsibility of the staff of the City Hall.

All mobile phones must be placed on silent mode when entering the ceremony room and an adult must supervise children at all times.

The building housing the Mayors Parlour is a designated **NO SMOKING** building.

There are no parking facilities for the couple or their guests at the City Hall. The nearest payable on-street parking is available at two locations, Queensway and the International Commercial Centre (ICC). Further information on parking is available at <http://www.visitgibraltar.gi/driving-and-park>

Wheel chair access is available.

Photographs during your ceremony may be taken.

### 3. CEREMONIES AT AN OUTSIDE LOCATION

Ceremonies held at an outside location may be conducted on weekdays between 12:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs and from 16:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs. On Saturdays, these are conducted between 10:00 hrs and 19:00 hrs. These may only take place at one of the venues approved by the Registrar. The approved venues are listed at Appendix 'D'.

No ceremonies will take place during pre-Christmas week. Ceremonies will resume on the first working day of the New Year.

Ceremonies held outside the Registry Office must comply with all the conditions imposed by the Registrar. For example, receptions held at the same venue must be celebrated in a separate area from where the ceremony takes place. If you wish to have the ceremony at an outside location, it is your sole responsibility to contact the organisers directly, to make the necessary arrangements and to pay for any fees for the use of the venue.

It is important to note that if you choose to have your ceremony in an open-air setting you must be aware that in the event of inclement weather on the day (*rainy or extremely windy*); the Registrar may be unable to officiate your ceremony. Therefore, should you decide to go for an open-air wedding you must provide this office with an alternate approved venue were the Registrar may officiate the ceremony. Failure to provide an alternate approved venue will result in the ceremony not taking place.

The Civil Status & Registration Office will not be held liable if the back-up venue does not have enough space for all the guests to witness the ceremony. This is a matter for yourselves and the venue to discuss and agree beforehand.

You may also have your ceremony on board a passenger ship registered in Gibraltar of over 100 gross tonnes and carrying more than 12 passengers.

## 6. FEES

It is important to note that fees are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable** in all circumstances.

Prompt payment is highly recommended as it guarantees and secures your booking. Bookings that are not paid are provisional and run the risk of being lost to someone who is prepared to pay on the spot in order to secure a date. If you have not paid the pertinent fees at the time of your booking, these must be paid for in full not less than **ten working days** prior to the ceremony. **It is therefore important to note that should your fees remain unpaid within the ten working days prior to the ceremony, your booking may be cancelled without notice, given that it is not up to us to chase payment.**

Payments may be effected by cheque or via World Pay upon a payment request, sent to you via email.

Fees are as follows:

<b>Registrar's Certificate</b> ( <i>Residents only</i> )	<b>£ 50.00</b>
<b>Notice</b> ( <i>Residents only</i> )	<b>£ 50.00</b>
<b>Special Licence for Marriage</b>	<b>£ 100.00</b>
<b>Ceremony &amp; Registration at Registry Office</b>	<b>£ 150.00</b>
<b>Ceremony &amp; Registration at an outside location</b> - <i>On Weekdays</i>	<b>£ 150.00</b>
<b>Ceremony &amp; Registration at an outside location</b> - <i>After working hours on Weekdays and at Weekends</i>	<b>£ 250.00</b>
<b>Mayors Parlour – Venue Fee</b>	<b>£ 300.00</b>
<b>Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate</b>	<b>£ 20.00 each</b>
<b>Postage</b> - <i>Mailing of certificates to an address outside Gibraltar</i>	<b>£ 10.00</b>
<b>Apostille</b> - <i>Placed on the reverse of the Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate</i>	<b>£ 15.00 each</b>

## 7. ATTENDANCE IN PERSON

Once your booking has been confirmed by this office, the next stage will be for the parties to attend our offices. This must be done by a pre-booked **appointment only** and no later than Midday on any working day prior to the date of the ceremony in order to present the **Original\* Documents**, apply for the **Special Licence**, and submit the necessary **Affidavits**. The affidavits (one per person) previously provided by this office, must be signed and sworn in the presence of a Commissioner or other person lawfully authorised to administer Oaths **in Gibraltar**. Therefore, you must undertake arrangements for the swearing of the affidavits. The following link provides details of Commissioner for Oaths in Gibraltar <https://gibyelllow.gi/result?query=COMMISSIONERS%20FOR%20OATHS&type=business&search=>

### Completion of the Affidavits

Whilst Affidavits must be signed and sworn in the presence of a Commissioner, or other person lawfully authorised to administer Oaths in Gibraltar, these may be filled in and can be submitted beforehand to us for checking. This could avoid any unnecessary delays should these be incorrectly completed.

**In Section 1**, you must include your full name in BLOCK letters. If there has been no changes in name this should read as it appears on your birth certificate.

Should your name be different to that which appears in your birth certificate you must state your current full name followed by 'Name Changed by Deed Poll'. Women who have been previously married must state the surname of their former husband, followed by the word 'Formerly' and then her maiden name. For example, a woman born Jane Smith, previously married to a Mr. Brown and now re-marrying, would state her full name as follows:

J A N E B R O W N ' F O R M E R L Y ' S M I T H

**In Section 2**, you must include your current residential address. You must also include the relevant post-code and country.

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D E R B Y , D E 4 4 9 P P , U N I T E D K I N G D O M

In **Section 3**, you must include your profession or occupation. Should you be retired, you must include the profession or occupation held prior to your retirement. For example, if you are retired and held a post of 'Nurse' you should state 'Nurse - Retired'. Stating 'Retired' only will not suffice.

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In **Section 4**, you must include the full name of the other party.

In **Section 5**, you must state the other party's current residential address.

In **Section 6**, you must indicate your status i.e. Single, Divorced etc.

In **Section 7**, you must state your age and include your Date of Birth.

In **Section 9**, you must state how long you have or have not been residing in Gibraltar.

**Once completed, the two affidavits must be sworn, signed and dated in the presence of a Commissioner, or other person lawfully authorised to administer Oaths in Gibraltar.**

The submission of documents to our office may be done at any time up to a maximum of 3 months in advance of the date of the ceremony, or as late as Midday on the working day before the date of the ceremony.

It is important to note that applicants must be aware of public holidays in Gibraltar, as our offices may be closed on the day before the date of the scheduled ceremony.

If you have any doubts about which documents to present, whether the documents that you have will be acceptable or any other queries about the legal formalities, we would strongly advise that you contact us directly to discuss this before you attend our offices. If you cannot meet the requirements, we may not be able to proceed with your booking, your ceremony may not take place, and you will lose your payment.

Please do not withhold any important information in relation to the documentation you are going to present to us that could hinder the process, as a refusal to marry may not only be inconvenient and distressing for you, but an unpleasant situation for us.

In the event that the Registrar is unable to perform the ceremony on the day, fees **will not** be refunded or transferred to another date or booking.

## 8. CERTIFICATES

It is very important that the documents submitted to this office show the correct information, as this information will be used, along with information gathered on the day of your ceremony, to complete the entry on the register and your Marriage/Civil Partnership certificate(s).

Following your ceremony, an entry will be made in one of the Registers. It is therefore very important that you check the entry for any errors or mistakes, as these are easier to correct on the day. Certificates will then be issued based on the information recorded on the day. A certificate will depict the date in which the Marriage/Civil Partnership was contracted, along with other details furnished by the couple to the Registrar.

Certificates will normally be ready between ten and fifteen working days after the ceremony. Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificates are available at a cost of £20.00 per certificate. It is advisable that couples order a minimum of two certificates.

If you so wish, in order to assist you in other formalities, the Civil Status & Registration Office may issue you with a letter confirming that you have married and are awaiting the issuance of your Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate. Please request this letter in advance so that it may be ready for you immediately after your ceremony.

If you wish to have your certificate(s) forwarded to you via courier, at your expense, you must make arrangements directly with a courier service of your choice. You may arrange for these to be collected from our offices. Please advise us who and when will be collecting the certificates. The Civil Status and Registration Office will not be liable for any certificates that are damaged or lost by the couriers.



If you wish for certificates to be posted to an address outside Gibraltar, there is an additional fee of £10.00 for this service. You will be asked to clearly state the address of your choice on an envelope provided to you by this office and the certificates will be sent via the 'International Tracked & Signed' route. These are posted at your own risk and the Civil Status and Registration Office will not be liable or held responsible for certificates that are damaged or may be lost in transit.

Your marriage/civil partnership in Gibraltar is legal worldwide. However, every country has their laws, regulations and procedures and often for a country to accept your marriage/civil partnership certificate and use it in their offices administratively, it requires Apostille legalisation.

It is therefore possible to certify marriage/civil partnership certificates for legal purposes (Apostille), under the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 on legislation of documents. If you wish to apostille your certificate, you should arrange for this at the time of ordering your certificate(s). The addition of an apostille will inevitably increase the time for the issuance of the certificate(s). The fee for this service is £15.00 per apostille.

If you find an error on a marriage certificate, please contact us at once, as it may be possible to correct it. Corrections cannot be made in the case of an informant changing their mind about the information that was originally given. When errors are highlighted, we will need to check that the entry in the Marriage or Civil Partnership Register is correct.

## 9. PRE-CEREMONY BRIEFING

Partners and their witnesses should be at their chosen venue at least 15 minutes before the start of the ceremony. **Delays in excess of 10 minutes may result in postponement of the ceremony until the Registrar is next available.**

At the venue, and before the ceremony commences, you will be asked for identification (i.e. your passport, national identity card or any other identification document). The Registrar will explain the order of the ceremony to you and ask you to state who your witnesses will be.

The Registrar will also ask you to check the entry recorded in the Marriage or Civil Partnership Register (i.e. names, addresses, ages, names of witnesses etc.) and it is at this point that you must highlight to the officiant any errors or mistakes made in the Register. It is important that you thoroughly check the entry as it is highly likely that any errors or mistakes will unfortunately be then transposed onto your certificate(s). The certificate(s) will be produced based on the information recorded on the day, and it is far easier to rectify the error on the day rather than after the event has taken place. Inaccuracies can lead to erroneous certificates being produced, thus delaying the issuance of your Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate.

## 10. THE CEREMONY

The parties will need to make the necessary arrangements for themselves and their guests to be at the venue before the ceremony is to take place. Each couple are allocated 30 minutes for the preliminaries and the ceremony.

The Registrar will conduct the ceremony in English. Should you require an interpreter you must point out this during the booking application and it is your responsibility to provide a suitable independent interpreter who is acceptable to the Registrar. The Registrar will not conduct the ceremony if he/she is not satisfied that the couple and their witnesses fully understand the wording of the ceremony.

The ceremony includes the exchange of the legal declarations (to be spoken after the registrar) and the signing of the register. It may also, if you wish, include the exchange of rings.

During the ceremony, and if you so wish, you may include readings and/or poems. Please note that all readings/poems must be submitted for approval to the Registrar in order to ensure that your choices are suitable for a civil ceremony. Providing that there are no religious connotations, choices are usually approved.

If the ceremony is to take place at an approved outside venue, it is your responsibility to arrange, provide and pay for transport in order to convey the Registrar to and from the ceremony venue. If transport is required, this office will inform you of the need, and arrangements are to be made beforehand or when you come in to complete your paperwork. This office will require in advance written confirmation that the transport for the Registrar has been arranged.

It is important to note that the Registrar will not conduct and will postpone the ceremony if he/she has any cause for concern and fees will not be refunded or transferred to another date or booking.

## 11. WITNESSES

For all ceremonies, you must have two other people present to witness that you have said the legal vows and to sign the register. Your witnesses may be related to either of you and/or to each other. They may be friends or colleagues over the age of 18, must be able to speak and understand English and acceptable to the Registrar.

Please note that Registry Office personnel are unable to act as witnesses.

## 12. IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

If you do not reside in Gibraltar and you are not an EEA national you may require a visa to enter Gibraltar. If you fall into this category, having a booking with us does not entitle you to enter Gibraltar without the need of a visa. Therefore, should you require a visa, you will need to apply for one at a UK Visa Application Centre in your country of residence.

You must bear in mind that unless you have guaranteed returnability to either your country of normal residence or your country of origin, the issue of a Gibraltar visa may not be authorised. You must also be aware of the remaining validity on your passport before travelling.

It is therefore important that you contact the Immigration Section or the Borders & Coastguard Agency to obtain information on the entry requirements and Visas for Gibraltar.

**If you do require a visa please note that all visa applications for Gibraltar must be supported by travel insurance. Queries relating to visas should be sent to [visas.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:visas.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi).**

Information on entry requirements/restrictions for Gibraltar is available from the **Borders & Coastguard Agency** via:

Email: [info@bca.gov.gi](mailto:info@bca.gov.gi)  
Tel: (+350) 200 65465

Information on Visas for Gibraltar is available from the **Immigration Section** via:

Email: [visas.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:visas.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi)  
Tel: (+350) 200 76948

## 13. CANCELLATION & AMENDMENTS

All fees are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable** in all circumstances. Therefore, no monies will be returned in the event that your documentation is incorrect, you need to cancel a ceremony, change the name of the applicants or change the date of a ceremony that has already been confirmed and paid for.

## 14. ENQUIRIES & FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Via Telephone**

Our telephone number is 00 (350) 200 72289 and our lines are open from 08:00 hrs to 15:30 hrs Mondays to Thursdays and from 08:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs on Fridays.

Please note that Gibraltar time is GMT+1

- **Via Email**

Our email address is [marriages.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:marriages.csro@gibraltar.gov.gi)

## 15. IMPORTANT NOTES

Finally, please note that the information contained in this document is intended as a general guide to the basic legal requirements. It is not exhaustive, and does not cover every situation. The information provided is the latest available at the date of issue (October 2020), but it is important to note that conditions may be liable to changes.

The Civil Status and Registration Office cannot be held responsible and is not liable for any ceremony held in an outside location that has to be cancelled because of events that are outside and beyond our control.

The Civil Status & Registration Office will not be liable for any misinformation provided for by any Third Party, including Wedding Planners. Wedding Planners are totally independent and have no link with the Civil Status & Registration Office.

**The Civil Status & Registration Office will be checking for potential fake documentation and suspicious applications that could indicate sham marriages. Should it be necessary to investigate an application further, you may be contacted by the Royal Gibraltar Police or the law enforcement authorities in your country of residence.**

When you book your ceremony with us, please feel free to discuss any issues or concerns in relation to your ceremony with a member of our team. He/she will discuss your own circumstances, and if necessary indicate the requirements that will apply to you and the documents that you will need to provide. Should you have any queries in relation to the documents you hold and their validity, please discuss these with a member of our team. It is very frustrating, for all parties concerned, to have to cancel or postpone a ceremony because information in relation to documentation has been withheld.

## 16. DECLARATION

I, ..... have read these Guidance Notes and understand and agree that my request is subject to the conditions contained herein.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



(ii) The widow/widower of																					
(iii) The divorced husband/wife of																					
(iv) The former husband/wife/civil partner of																					
by divorce/annulment/dissolution.																					

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8. There is no impediment of kindred or alliance, or any other lawful cause, nor any suit commenced in any court of law to bar or hinder the proceeding of the proposed marriage.

9. I have/have not had my usual place of abode in Gibraltar (immediately preceding date of affidavit) for \_\_\_\_\_ .

10. The consent of the persons whose consent to the intended marriage is required by law has been obtained. *(Delete if 18 or over)*

11. I am aware that I must stay overnight in Gibraltar on the night of my wedding or the night before, and I must provide proof of this overnight stay to the satisfaction of the Registrar. I understand that if he/she is not satisfied with the form of proof, he/she will not be able to carry out the ceremony.

SWORN at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Signature of Deponent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Signature of person administering oath

**APPENDIX 'B'**

**AFFIDAVIT FOR A SPECIAL LICENCE OR REGISTRAR’S SPECIAL CERTIFICATE FOR  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP**

(This affidavit is to be sworn before a commissioner or other person lawfully authorised to administer oaths. It may be adapted to the circumstances of a particular case, but alterations and deletions should be initialled by the deponent and by the person administering the oath)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person who for the purpose of procuring a civil partnership, or a certificate or licence for civil partnership, knowingly and wilfully makes a false oath, or makes or signs a false declaration, notice or certificate, required under any enactment for the time being in force relating to a civil partnership or knowingly and wilfully makes or knowingly and wilfully causes to be made, for the purpose of being inserted in any register of civil partnerships a false statement as to any particular required by Law to be known and registered for any civil partnership is guilty of an offence and renders that person liable to prosecution.

1. Full name of deponent, in **BLOCK** capitals. *Please note that the surname of a woman who has been previously married or who has entered into a civil partnership, should be given as that of her former husband/civil partner, followed by the word “formerly” and her maiden name. Please state if name has been changed by deed poll.*


2. Full permanent residential address. *Please include the post-code and country.*


3. Rank, profession or occupation.

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MAKE OATH and say as follows:- I am desirous of entering into a civil partnership with:-

4. Full name of other party to the intended civil partnership, in **BLOCK** capitals.


5. Full permanent residential address. *Please include the post-code and country.*


6. I am:-

(i) Single never having either entered into a civil partnership or been married.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(ii) The widow/widower or surviving partner of	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) The former husband/wife/civil partner of	<input type="checkbox"/>
by divorce/annulment/dissolution.	<input type="checkbox"/>

7.

I am of the age of	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	years having been born on	<input type="text" value="D"/>	<input type="text" value="D"/>	<input type="text" value="M"/>	<input type="text" value="M"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>
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8. There is no impediment of kindred or alliance, or any other lawful cause, nor any suit commenced in any court of law to bar or hinder the proceeding of the proposed civil partnership.

9. I have/have not had my usual place of abode in Gibraltar (immediately preceding date of affidavit) for \_\_\_\_\_ .

10. The consent of the persons whose consent to the intended civil partnership is required by law has been obtained. *(Delete if 18 or over)*

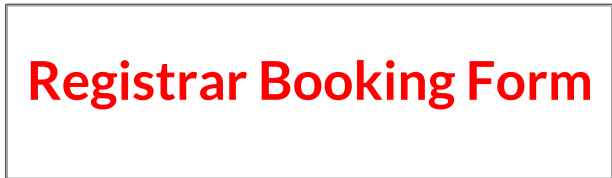
11. I am aware that I must stay overnight in Gibraltar on the night of my civil partnership or the night before, and I must provide proof of this overnight stay to the satisfaction of the Registrar. I understand that if he/she is not satisfied with the form of proof, he/she will not be able to carry out the ceremony.

SWORN at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Signature of Deponent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Signature of person administering oath

**APPENDIX 'C'**



**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

The following details are required for you to book a registrar to conduct your ceremony at the Registry Office or at an approved venue outside the Registry Office.

Please note that this booking will remain provisional until all the necessary verifications have been undertaken and payment has been received.

It is important to note that all our fees are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable** in all circumstances.

**REASON FOR REQUEST: - please cross (x) the relevant box.**

Civil Marriage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**Date of Ceremony:**

<input type="text" value="D"/>	<input type="text" value="D"/>	<input type="text" value="M"/>	<input type="text" value="M"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>	<input type="text" value="Y"/>
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**Time of Ceremony:**

<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
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**Name/Address of Venue:**

<input type="text"/>
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**Venue Telephone Number:**

<input type="text"/>
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**Venue Email Address:**

<input type="text"/>
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**Alternative local approved venue in case if inclement weather: *(if venue is outdoors)***

<input type="text"/>
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**DETAILS OF COUPLE:**

**1. Name:**

**1. Surname:**



2. Name:


2. Surname:


Address:

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Telephone Number:

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Email Address:

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Please note that we will endeavour to confirm your request as soon as possible so that you may expedite any other arrangements in relation to your ceremony. It is therefore advisable not to book a venue and/or make any travel arrangements until written confirmation has been received by this office.

APPENDIX 'D'

## APPROVED OUTSIDE VENUES

<b>Bistro Point</b> University of Gibraltar Tel: 00 (350) 200 76588 Email: <a href="mailto:bistropoint@huntergroup.gi">bistropoint@huntergroup.gi</a>	<b>Boyd's Kings Bastion</b> Kings Bastion, Line Wall Road Tel: 00 (350) 200 62550 or 00 (350) 54124000 Email: <a href="mailto:boyds@rockbastion.com">boyds@rockbastion.com</a>
<b>Bruno's Restaurant</b> Unit 3, The Boardwalk, Tradewinds – Ocean Village Tel: 00 (350) 200 68444 Email: <a href="mailto:brunosgib@gmail.com">brunosgib@gmail.com</a>	<b>Garrison Library</b> Governor's Parade Tel: 00 (350) 200 77418 Email: <a href="mailto:j.ballantine@gibraltargarrisonlibrary.gi">j.ballantine@gibraltargarrisonlibrary.gi</a>
<b>Hall of Fame</b> Transport Memorabilia Café, 4a Ragged Staff Tel: 00 (350) 200 67788 Email: <a href="mailto:halloffame.gibraltar@gmail.com">halloffame.gibraltar@gmail.com</a>	<b>Holiday Inn Express – Gibraltar</b> 21-23 Devil's Tower Road Tel: 00 (350) 200 67890 Email: <a href="mailto:info@hiexgibraltar.com">info@hiexgibraltar.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.hiexpress.com">www.hiexpress.com</a>
<b>La Sala</b> Ocean Village Tel: 00 (350) 200 16870 Email: <a href="mailto:weddings@lasalagibraltar.com">weddings@lasalagibraltar.com</a>	<b>Latino's Restaurant</b> Unit 9 & 21B Casemates Square Tel: 00 (350) 200 47755 Email: <a href="mailto:mikepit@gibtelecom.net">mikepit@gibtelecom.net</a> Website: <a href="http://www.latinosrestaurants.com">www.latinosrestaurants.com</a>
<b>Mons Calpe Suite - Top of the Rock</b> Cloister Building, 6/8 Market Lane, PO Box 554 Tel: 00 (350) 200 12745 Email: <a href="mailto:events@monscalesuite.com">events@monscalesuite.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.monscalesuite.com">www.monscalesuite.com</a>	<b>My Wines</b> 11 & 12 Chatham Counterguard Tel: 00 (350) 200 69463 Email: <a href="mailto:info@mywinesgibraltar.com">info@mywinesgibraltar.com</a>
<b>Rendezvous Chargrill Restaurant</b> Queensway Quay Marina Tel: 00 (350) 200 66420 Email: <a href="mailto:info@rendezvousgib.com">info@rendezvousgib.com</a>	<b>St Michaels' Cave**</b> Upper Rock Nature Reserve Tel: 00 (350) 200 71643 Email: <a href="mailto:dylansheriff@gibraltar.gov.gi">dylansheriff@gibraltar.gov.gi</a>
<b>Sunborn Yacht Hotel</b> Ocean Village Tel: 00 (350) 200 16100 or 00 (350) 58007751 Email: <a href="mailto:kerriane.massetti@sunborngibraltar.com">kerriane.massetti@sunborngibraltar.com</a>	<b>The Alameda Botanical Gardens*</b> Red Sands Road, PO Box 843 Tel: 00 (350) 200 41235 Email: <a href="mailto:info@wildlife.gi">info@wildlife.gi</a>
<b>The Caleta Hotel</b> Catalan Bay Tel: 00 (350) 200 76501 Fax: 00 (350) 200 42143 Email: <a href="mailto:conf.banq@caletahotel.gi">conf.banq@caletahotel.gi</a>	<b>The Elliott Hotel</b> Governor's Parade Tel: 00 (350) 200 70500 Email: <a href="mailto:elliott@ocallaghancollection.com">elliott@ocallaghancollection.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.elliotthotel.com">www.elliotthotel.com</a>

<p><b>The Landings Restaurant</b>  Unit 15, Ragged Staff Wharf, Queensway Quay Marina  Tel: 00 (350) 200 66100  Email: <a href="mailto:info@thelandings.gi">info@thelandings.gi</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.thelandings.gi">www.thelandings.gi</a></p>	<p><b>The Lounge Restaurant</b>  17a &amp; 17b Queensway Quay Marina  Tel: 00 (350) 200 61118  Email: <a href="mailto:michelle@thelounge.gi">michelle@thelounge.gi</a></p>
<p><b>The Rock Hotel</b>  3 Europa Road  Tel: 00 (350) 200 73000  Fax: 00 (350) 200 73513  Email: <a href="mailto:conference@rockhotel.gi">conference@rockhotel.gi</a></p>	<p><b>The Royal Gibraltar Regiment, Grand Battery House</b>  4 Smith Dorrien Avenue  Tel: 00 (350) 54011815  Email: <a href="mailto:jasongrandbatteryhouse@gmail.com">jasongrandbatteryhouse@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Waterfront Restaurant</b>  Queensway Quay Marina  Tel: 00 (350) 200 45666  Email: <a href="mailto:waterfrontrestaurant@gmail.com">waterfrontrestaurant@gmail.com</a></p>	

\* Please note that ceremonies at the Alameda Botanical Gardens will only take place from April to October.

\*\* Please note that ceremonies held at St Michaels Cave will only take place in the evenings, i.e. 1900hrs from April to October and 1800hrs from November to March.



## A QUICK GUIDE TO THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR A MARRIAGE/CIVIL PARTNERSHIP IN GIBRALTAR

<b><u>STATUS OF APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>No of DOCUMENTS REQUIRED</u></b>	<b><u>REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION</u></b> <b><u>(Must Be Originals)</u></b>	<b><i>Other acceptable documentation in lieu of that specified on the left</i></b>
<b>SINGLE</b> (NEVER HAVING BEEN MARRIED AND NEVER HAVING ENTERED INTO A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP)	2 	Valid Passport	National Identity Card or other valid and acceptable form of identity
		Full Birth Certificate	Short Birth Certificate, accompanied by Parents' Birth Certificates
<b>WIDOW WIDOWER SURVIVING PARTNER</b>	4 	Valid Passport	National Identity Card or other valid and acceptable form of identity
		Full Birth Certificate	Short Birth Certificate, accompanied by Parents' Birth Certificates
		Previous Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate	Not necessarily should the informant* be the person requesting to be married/entering into a civil partnership  *The informant is the person who registered the death and whose name and relationship to the deceased appears on the deceased's death certificate
		Death Certificate of your late spouse/civil partner	No alternative acceptable
<b>DIVORCEE</b> (HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARRIED OR IN A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP)	3 	Valid Passport	National Identity Card or other valid and acceptable form of identity
		Full Birth Certificate	Short Birth Certificate, accompanied by Parents' Birth Certificates
		Final and absolute Divorce Decree/Certificate of Annulment OR Dissolution/Nullity Order	No alternative acceptable  No alternative acceptable
		Previous Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate (Female Divorced Applicants Only)	No alternative acceptable

Please **do not** submit unverified photocopies or scanned copies of documents, as these will be declined.

APPENDIX 'F'

**DOCUMENT CHECK LIST**

<b>PASSPORT(S)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>BIRTH CERTIFICATE(S)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PREVIOUS MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE(S)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PREVIOUS CIVIL PARTNERSHIP(S)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>LATE SPOUSES DEATH CERTIFICATE(S)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>DIVORCE DECREE(S)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CHANGE(S) OF NAME</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TRANSLATIONS OF DOCUMENTS</b> <i>(IF APPLICABLE)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>RESIDENCE DOCUMENTATION</b> <i>(IF REQUESTED)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>