



Catholic wedding documents

1. Passport Copies of both parties

-Photo Copy of original

2. Birth certificate records of both parties, (issued by the priest, not by the Municipality)

Full Birth certificate of Bride and Groom, with both parents names inside (one for each of you).

Both parties are obliged to provide a full birth certificate. Shorter versions will not be accepted. Also required Greek translation for each certificate by the Greek Embassy of your area OR via our agency. No other source is acceptable.

4. Certificate of non-impediment to marriage from the municipality, where you are register, or county office, or Town hall.

This document confirms that you have not been married and that you are free to married. The document can be issued in your local Registrar's office and it must not be issued more than 3 months before your wedding.

Written permission must be obtained from your Bishop to have your marriage performed out of your Parish and here in Greece.

This is according to Canon 1115" of the Codex Juris Canonici. **Please discuss with your pastor.**

5. Confirmation Certificate

This document is the assurance that you are free from any canonical impediment for marriage.

-These certificates must be obtained from the parish priest who baptized you, and must be dated within 3 months of your marriage.

-If the date of your confirmation is not written in the parish you were baptized, you should ask for it from the parish in which you were confirmed.

-Take these certificates to your present parish priest who should make the prenuptial inquiries and catechetical instruction.

6. Nulla Osta from your bishop

For Catholics, the wedding is a sacrament and needs additional paperwork (similar to the civil one), which generates another Nulla Osta. This Nulla Osta is created by the bishop of the area where the couple lives and is sent to the local bishop where the wedding will be held. Be careful of the following:

1. To obtain the Nulla Osta at your place, you will need a pre-cana preparation.
2. Speak to your local priest before obtaining the Nulla Osta and ask him about the exact requirements in your parish. He will initiate the process required to obtain your Bishop's Nulla Osta.

7. If one or both parties has been previous marriages, you need to get a Divorce Certificate

or a certified copy of the Decree Absolute, from Civil or Church Authorities.

(Please contact us for more informations)

APOSTILE STAMP REQUIRED.

8. Certificate which states that you have completed the "Pre-Cana" Instruction Class, Retreat or Meetings

9. Official document from the Court, **if you have change your name.**

10. Certificate of adoption, Deed poll certificate or death certificate(Contact us if applicable).

- All documents must be translated and certified/stamped in the local Greek Embassy, or Consulate in your Country, or official translators who are legal affiliated from the Greek Embassy. we suggest Greek Embassy.

- Take care all the names in passports and all documents must be **exactly the same** and match together.

- All the documents, must not be dated more than 3 months prior to your wedding day. This is especially for the Single Status affidavits

- Please note that all documents must be sent by fax or email for review 5 weeks before your wedding in Greece.

- We have to confirm that documents are in order. After that, you just need to bring the originals, with translations and Apostiles with you.

- After Wedding ceremony, you have to go to the office of vital statistics, to have your wedding registered.

The office, as most of offices in Greece, is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

This means, that if your wedding is Friday, or Saturday or Sunday, you have to wait until Monday, to complete the registration.

You have to stay in Greece, at least 1 working day after your wedding, in order to go to the Town Hall to sign your Marriage Certificate.

It will be sent to you by post from the Town Hall or by us. (Contact us for more details)

- Original documents, will be kept at the Town Hall headquarters.

For this reason, you may have to obtain certified copies of them, if you want to have them for your records.