



A Guide to Getting Married Abroad

If you live in Jersey and are planning to get married abroad, you may both need to apply to the Superintendent Registrar for proof that you are free to marry – a Certificate of No Impediment.

The Superintendent Registrar issues these official documents to help Jersey residents apply to marry abroad.

Getting married abroad: Legal Checklist

It is your responsibility to contact the marriage authorities in the country where you plan to marry to find out if they require a Certificate of No Impediment in order for you and your partner to legally marry there.

If you need a Certificate of No Impediment from the Superintendent Registrar, you can apply for one six weeks to three months before your wedding date. If you are both **resident in Jersey** you may both need one. It costs £300 (for one Certificate of No Impediment) or £400 (for two).

This leaflet will guide you through the process of applying for a Certificate of No Impediment in order to marry abroad.



- 1** When organising your wedding
 - 📅 Contact the marriage authorities in the country where you wish to marry. It is your responsibility to find out:
 - whether they require a Certificate of No Impediment
 - if both of you need a Certificate of No Impediment
 - the time limit for issuing this document (eg within 3 months of the ceremony date)
 - the exact address of the venue where your marriage ceremony will take place
 - the date of your ceremony
 - if they need the Certificate of No Impediment to be certified by Apostille
 - if they need the Certificate of No Impediment and Apostille translated



- 2**
 - 📅 Apply for a Certificate of No Impediment at the Office of the Superintendent Registrar & give Notice to Marry. You will each need:
 - birth/adoption certificate
 - valid passport
 - proof of address
 - evidence of any divorce
 - evidence of the death of any former spouse
 - deed poll (if applicable)
 - 📅 6 weeks – 3 months before your wedding day
 - 📍 Each person who is applying for a Certificate of No Impediment
 - £ £200 (per couple)



- 3**
 - 📅 Attend the Office of the Superintendent Registrar to request the issue of the Certificate of No Impediment
 - 📅 26 days later
 - 📍 Each person who has applied for a Certificate of No Impediment
 - £ £100 (for each Certificate of No Impediment)



- 4**
 - 📅 Apply for each Certificate of No Impediment to be certified by Apostille (if required)
 - 📅 When you have the Certificate of No Impediment
 - 📍 The Passport Office at Customer & Local Services, La Motte St, St Helier
 - 📍 One or both of you
 - £ £30 (£75 express) per Apostille

I am not a British national but I live in Jersey, can I get a Certificate of No Impediment for my marriage abroad?

Yes, anyone living in Jersey can apply for a Certificate of No Impediment. You have to be **resident in Jersey** to obtain this document.

I have been asked to obtain an Apostille, what is that and why do I need it?

An Apostille is a legal certification that makes a document from one country valid in another country. If you are asked to provide one and you do not, the Certificate of No Impediment may not be accepted and you may not be permitted to marry.

How long is a Certificate of No Impediment issued in Jersey valid for?

A Certificate of No Impediment is valid for 3 months. You can only apply for a Certificate of No Impediment a maximum of 3 months before your wedding date.

Can the Superintendent Registrar contact the country where I am marrying on my behalf?

No, you must find out what is required by the authorities where you are marrying.

What if I don't have time or forget to get a Certificate of No Impediment?

You may not be allowed to get married – you should urgently contact the marriage authorities in the country where your ceremony is planned.

What if any of the information in the Certificate of No Impediment is wrong?

A Certificate of No Impediment is issued containing the details of your ceremony that you supply. To avoid the document being rejected by the authorities where you are marrying, you must make sure you provide the exact information they require on the document.



How to contact the Office of the Superintendent Registrar:

Online: www.gov.je/registrar

By email: SIR@gov.je

By telephone: +44 (0) 1534 441335

In person: 10 Royal Square, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 4WA
(open Monday – Friday 9am – 12.30pm)