

Legal Marriage in México/*Matrimonio Civil*

Mexico's Civil Marriage or *Matrimonio Civil* is the only procedure that changes your marital status from 'single' to 'married' in Mexico. The civil marriage process is handled by judges from the Civil Registry Office, and generates a Marriage Certificate that is a public document, permanently filed with the State Civil Registry office in Chetumal, capital of the State of Quintana Roo, México.

CIVIL WEDDING REQUIREMENTS

Basic Requirements

- Original current passport of both parties
- One Scanned Copy of your passports (sent prior your arrival).
- One Copy of your Visa, FM2 or FM 3 (Tourist Card).
- Four witnesses, one copy of their passports, and one copy of their tourist cards
- A Medical Certificate for bride and groom
- A Prenuptial Blood Test for bride and groom

NOTE: The above listed requirements list the “basic documents” required to get legally married in the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico. However, the couple’s Parents names *will be omitted* on the marriage certificate.

If you would like your Parents names to be included on the Marriage Certificate you will need to present the “Additional Requirements,” listed below, which **will increase** the cost of your wedding, due to the arrangements *you need to do* back in your home country, and in Mexico.

Additional Non Required Documents

- Certified copy of Bride and Groom’s Birth Certificate
- Birth Certificates will need to have the Apostille Seal from your country.
- Birth certificates and Apostille seals must be translated into Spanish **in Mexico** by an approved and certified translator know in Mexico as “Perito Traductor.”
- The cost of translation services is **\$50 USD per page** from English to Spanish. Price vary for other languages.

Note: Should you choose to include your parents’ names on the Marriage Certificate; the certified copies of your Birth Certificates will be filed at the State Civil Registry Office, along with the Wedding Application and they **will not be returned.**

CIVIL WEDDING FEES: The following rates are subject to change without previous notice:

- Wedding Application Fee: **\$ 450 USD.**
- Prenuptial Medical Certificate and Blood test: **\$60 USD** per couple, to be paid at the lab. **(For an additional cost, tests may also be taken at the resort.*
- Justice Per Diem Honorarium: **\$200 USD** on weekdays, **\$300 USD** on weekends and holidays.
- Marriage Certificate Apostille/Certificate of Authentication: **\$100 USD**
- Certified Copy of Wedding Certificate: **\$20 USD**
- Wedding Certificate Mail Delivery: **\$90 USD**
- Witnesses: \$25 USD each, total **\$100 USD**
- **Total Legal Fees: \$1020 USD** (on weekdays)
- **Total Legal Fees: \$1,120 USD** (on weekends and holidays)
- **Honorarium for my Services: \$550 USD** - *(Not included in the fees listed above)

NOTE: Your marriage certificate is issued by the civil registry in Spanish only.

My Services Include:

- Provide you with detailed required information for the wedding application form.
- Fill out the wedding application form, according with the information you provide.
- Submit the wedding application form, blood test and medical certificates to the court.
- Provide you with all paperwork, government forms, copies of documents etc.
- Booking the judge for the date and hour of your choice.
- Make appointment for Lab to have tests done.
- Pick you up at your resort, drive you to the lab, and drop you back off.
- Pick up the test results and medical certificate
- Have you Marriage Certificate to be apostilled at the state capital.
- Obtain a certified copy of your marriage certificate.
- Mail the Wedding Certificate to your country and home address.
- Provide your wedding witnesses in case you don't have any.

IMPORTANT FACTS:

- **My Honorarium** for assisting you are apart from any Symbolic Wedding Package and/or Legal Wedding Fees
- The Wedding Application form needs to be submitted at least **3 business days** BEFORE the ceremony date. *(Saturday, Sunday and Holidays are not included).

This means that both, *bride and groom must arrive at least four working days in advance* to ensure all paper work is complete.
- Medical and blood tests need to be done **in Mexico** within 30 days of the ceremony.
- The tourist card is given to you on the airplane prior to your arrival to Mexico. **Make sure your name is written as it appears on your passport.**
- You do not have to be present at the time of submitting the wedding application form at the Registry Office. **I will take care of that!**
- If you do not have witnesses for your wedding, I can supply all four witnesses for a small fee, as shown above. - Witnesses must be 18 years or older, and can be related to the bride and groom.
- Justice of Peace honorariums vary for weekends, holidays, location and distance.
- Additional requirements may apply for Divorced/Widowed Brides, and for foreigners marrying a Mexican citizen - **ASK for full INFO if this applies to you.**
- Most countries require that all Weddings Certificates from ceremonies performed in the Mexico, have the **Apostille Seal**. This procedure is done at the State Capital by the Secretary of State, and has an additional cost.
- You will take with you, the original legal size marriage certificate and a letter size certified copy of your wedding certificate; however, the process to receive your certified copy with the **Apostille Seal** on the back can take **up to 8 weeks** after your wedding.
- If you choose to meet the “basic requirements” to get married in the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico, your Parents names **will be omitted** on the Marriage Certificate.
- If you would like your parents’ names on the marriage certificate you will need to present the “Additional Requirements,” listed on Page 1.

NOTE: Should you choose to include your parents’ names on the Marriage Certificate; the certified copies of your Birth Certificates will be filed at the State Civil Registry Office, along with the Wedding Application and they will not be returned.
- To book my services, I will need a deposit of **\$190 USD** (35% of my Service Fee).
- If you would like to secure the actual Date & Time of your Wedding Ceremony; you must also submit the full payment of **\$450 USD**, for the Wedding Application Fee
- The deposit for a Civil Wedding does not include the required deposit for a *Symbolic* Wedding Package or Photography Package.

DISCLAIMER: No refund will apply for the **Wedding Application Fee**, once it has been paid and submitted to the Civil Registry Office.