

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

Short Form

- 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,” on the long form, which **will increase** the cost of your wedding, due to the arrangements you need to do **back in your home country and in Mexico.**

Long Form: *Additional Non Required Documents for a Legal Wedding in Cancun*

- 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 the long form; your Birth Certificates will be filed at the State Civil Registry Office along with the Wedding Application and **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: **\$70 USD** per couple, to be paid at the lab. **(For an additional cost, tests may also be taken at the resort.*
- Justice Per Diem expenses: **\$150 USD** on weekdays, **\$250 USD** on weekends
- Marriage Certificate Apostille/Certificate of Authentication: **\$100 USD** **(Upon your request, for an additional cost, I can have your marriage certificate translated)*
- Certified Copy of Wedding Certificate: **\$30 USD**
- Wedding Certificate Mail Delivery: **\$90 USD**
- Witnesses: \$25 USD each, total **\$100 USD**
- **Total Legal Fees: \$990 USD** (on weekdays)
- **Total Legal Fees: \$1,090 USD** (on weekends)
- **Honoraries for my Services: \$550 USD** - **(Not included in the fees listed above)*

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 honoraries** 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 14 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 honoraries may vary for weekends, holidays, location and distance. Judge honoraries are to be paid in cash to the judge on the wedding day.
- 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 your marriage certificate and a 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.

When filing the Additional Documents, Birth Certificates are filed at the State Civil Registry Office along with the Wedding Application and **will not** be returned to you.
- To book the Civil Wedding, I will need a deposit of **\$190 USD** (35% deposit of my Services), plus the full payment of **\$450 USD** for the Civil Wedding Application, for a total of **\$640 USD**

***NOTE:** The deposit for a Civil Wedding does not include the required deposit for a Symbolic Wedding Package or Photography Package.