

AROHA VILLA MARRIAGE LICENCE REQUIREMENTS.

You will need your **passport and birth certificate.**

(If you can't find your original birth certificate a copy is accepted.)

For those who have been married before, you will need your divorce papers or a death certificate.

- All documents must be in english or translated into english
- Marriages in the Cook Islands are **legally binding worldwide**
- The Marriage Registrar needs a minimum of 3 working days to process the marriage documents, prior to the wedding day.
- Couples will need to apply their intent of marriage in person.
at least 3 days prior to their wedding.

(Aroha villa's co-ordinator can take care of this, if you let us know)

- Minimum age 21 year. If you are younger you need a trustworthy permission signed by your parents.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES FOR ITALIAN CITIZENS

Italian citizens wanting to marry in the Cook Islands must take note of the following steps before marrying.

Couple must decide if they are going to share property before marriage.

If both wish to keep property separately, they must write a letter stating it before getting married.

Otherwise once marriage is signed, property will be automatically shared equally.

After marriage ceremony, an original marriage certificate must be obtained from the Ministry of Justice – the marriage license signed on wedding day will not be accepted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration

Marriage certificate must be taken to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration for issuance of an Apostille Certificate. The marriage certificate must then be forwarded to the Italian Embassy in Wellington for further legalisation. The address is:

Embassy of Italy, 34-38 Grant Road, Thorndon, PO Box 463, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND
Phone 0064 (4) 473 5339. Facsimile (682) 0064 (4) 472 7255
Email: ambwell@xtra.co.nz

The Italian Embassy will complete the rest of the paper work. There are no fees associated with this process.

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