

## Marriage

### Documents required for a marriage application

- Valid ID card (EU) or passport
- Birth certificate issued within the last six months  
For EU nationals: Birth certificate (full copy) from country of origin, translated by a sworn translator, or a multilingual birth certificate (Model A – [Convention 16 of the International Commission on Civil Status](#)).For nationals of non-EU countries, including Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Birth certificate (full copy) from country of origin, bearing an **APOSTILLE or certification** under the terms of the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961. More information: [Website of the Hague Conference on Private International Law](#)
- Residence certificate issued within the past three months (only for persons who do not legally reside in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg).  
(Addresses of Luxembourg residents will be checked by the civil registrar in the national database. If there are any inconsistencies, a certificate of residence will have to be provided).
- Divorce documents: marriage certificate containing a declaration of divorce, or a divorce judgement that includes the date of entry into force.
- Death certificate of a former spouse (if applicable)
- Certificate attesting to the existence of a civil partnership (if applicable)
- Certificate of legal capacity to marry
  - A certificate of legal capacity to marry must be provided by citizens of the following countries: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey.
  - Germany: The civil registrar of the City of Luxembourg will request a certificate of legal capacity to marry (*Ehefähigkeitszeugnis*) from your last municipality of residence in Germany. To this end, a German translation of all the required documents must be provided.
  - United States of America: Single status affidavit (embassy)
  - Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Affirmation of marital status (embassy)
  - Republic of Ireland: *Certificat de coutume et de célibat* (embassy)
- If no certificate of legal capacity to marry can be provided: certificate of single status (Brazil: *Certidão Negativa*) and a certificate of custom law issued by the embassy (an extract of laws and customs of marriage in the country of origin).

Documents issued by a foreign authority in a non-European Union country must bear an APOSTILLE or certification.

### Important information

#### Date of the marriage

- The date and time of the marriage ceremony is set by the civil registrar together with the future spouses when the couple submits the documents required for the banns of marriage to be published. The banns of marriage must be published at least 10 days before the marriage ceremony.

- Civil marriage ceremonies are performed on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

#### Witnesses

- No witnesses are required.

#### Children

- If the future spouses already have children together, the civil registrar must be informed when the documents are submitted.

#### Submitting the documents

- Documents can only be submitted by appointment and both future spouses must appear before the civil registrar.
- To book an appointment, please call 4796-3020 or 4796-2630.
- The required documents may be submitted in English, French or German. Exceptions: documents submitted by German nationals must be either in German, or accompanied by a German translation; duly issued international documents need not be translated. A list of sworn translators certified by the Superior Court of Justice of Luxembourg can be found here: [Ministère de la Justice - Liste des traducteurs et interprètes assermentés](#).

#### Ceremony

- Friends and family are welcome to attend the civil ceremony at City Hall and share in this special day. However, the number of guests should be limited to 15–20 people.
- Private wedding receptions cannot be held at City Hall.