



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR MARRIAGE REGISTRATION

South African Citizen + South African Citizen

Please read this document carefully and provide all applicable documentation as early as possible before the wedding.

1. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. Clear coloured copy of the Groom's South African Identity Document.
2. Clear coloured copy of the Bride's South African Identity Document.
3. Three (3) coloured passport photographs of the bridal couple.
4. Clear coloured copy of Witness 1's South African Identity Document. Driver's licences and passports are not accepted as substitutes for the required Identity Document.
5. Clear coloured copy of Witness 2's South African Identity Document. Driver's licences and passports are not accepted as substitutes for the required Identity Document.
6. If divorced: Clear copy of the Final Decree of Divorce, with a clear official Court stamp. A copy stamped only by an attorney is not sufficient.
7. If widowed: Clear copy of the Death Certificate of the previous spouse.
8. If marrying with an Ante-Nuptial Contract (ANC): Letter from the Attorney/Notary confirming the ANC arrangements.

2. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE AND MARITAL STATUS

We strongly recommend that your marital status be checked with the Department of Home Affairs before your wedding. A person may be legally divorced while the divorce has not yet been updated on the Home Affairs system.

Wed By Jaco & Team can check the current marital status on the Home Affairs system using a South African ID number. Marital Status Verification: R100 per South African ID number.

If the status still reflects MARRIED after a legal divorce, the person must personally attend Home Affairs and complete the process required to update the record.

3. BIOMETRIC / FINGERPRINT VERIFICATION

Where biometric identity verification is required, the person concerned must personally attend a Department of Home Affairs office. A Marriage Officer, agent or third party cannot complete this verification on the person's behalf.

Attend Home Affairs personally, have fingerprints captured and electronically verified, submit the Final Decree of Divorce and other required documents, and complete the process required to update the marital status.

4. HOME AFFAIRS OFFICES MAY APPLY DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS

Biometric verification requirements are not applied in exactly the same way at every Home Affairs Marriage or Registration Office. Confirm the requirements of the specific office where your marriage will be registered with your Marriage Officer.

5. IMPORTANT FINAL NOTICE

Marriage registration requirements are subject to Department of Home Affairs procedures and may differ between offices. Your Marriage Officer will advise you about the requirements applicable to your marriage.