

The fees, processes and time frames to apply for a Certificate of No Impediment are different for each country.

To get the form for the country you want:

1. Go to http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Services-Births-Deaths-and-Marriages-Getting-Married-Overseas?OpenDocument
2. Select "Getting a certificate of no impediment to marriage"
3. Choose the country

Contact us to find out the fee if you intend to use this generic form:

- Visit our website www.bdm.govt.nz
- Freephone 0800 22 52 52 (New Zealand only)
- Phone +64 4 463 9362 (if overseas)
- Email bdm.nz@dia.govt.nz
- If overseas you may contact New Zealand Embassies, High Commissions or Consulates

Application for Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage

i If you are getting married outside New Zealand it is important that you contact the marriage authorities in the country where you plan to marry and check their marriage laws and requirements

Definitions

Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage

Certain overseas countries require a 'Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage' before allowing you to marry. The certificate is evidence that after searches and inquiries, no lawful impediment to the intended marriage has been shown to exist in your country of citizenship or residence, and according to New Zealand laws you are eligible to be married.

Your Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage may require an Apostille or Authentication:

Apostilled certificate

This confirms that the person who signed the document has the authority to do so and that the document should therefore be recognised as legal without further evidence in another country which has joined the Hague Convention.

Authenticated certificate

This confirms that the person who signed the document has the authority to do so and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) verifies the signature and seal of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

Who signs?

The person intending to get married outside New Zealand must complete and sign this application

We will write to your parents, relative or a friend

Your parent/s, relative or friend will be sent a letter asking that they confirm that they know of no lawful impediment to you marrying. Please ensure the address you provide for them is accurate as your certificate will not be issued until Births, Deaths and Marriages has received their letter in response. Please indicate if either parent is deceased.

Registration of Overseas Marriages in New Zealand

Most marriages that take place overseas in accordance with the laws of that country are recognised by New Zealand law. Your marriage should be registered in the country where it takes place. There is no legal requirement to have an overseas marriage registered in New Zealand.

Marriages in an overseas country may be registered in New Zealand only if an officer from a New Zealand Embassy or High Commission attends the marriage ceremony. A certificate may then be sent by the Embassy/High Commission to the Registrar-General, and the marriage details are then able to be recorded in the New Zealand marriage register. You should liaise with the New Zealand Embassy or High Commission prior to the marriage taking place to establish whether a New Zealand representative is available to attend. Fees may be payable to the Embassy or High Commission for this service.

If you require a Single Status certificate

Some countries require a single status certificate, or a similarly named document, as evidence that you are single for the purpose of immigration or for a work permit etc. While Births, Deaths and Marriages do not have such a product, we do provide for a Certificate of Search that states that a search of the marriage and civil union registers has been carried out from a certain date (usually when the applicant turned 16).

To request a Certificate of Search to be used as a single status certificate, when completing this application:

1. Cross out the words "intend to marry..." and state the full reason you require the certificate ensuring that you provide additional information as required; and
2. Name the country in which you intend to use the certificate.

General information

What else might need to be done after the certificate is issued?

For marriages in some countries, the representative of that country in New Zealand must endorse the Certificate of No Impediment before it is sent. The fee for this service is in addition to the fee payable in respect of the notice.



How much time should I allow for this?

Once Births, Deaths and Marriages has received and processed the application, a Certificate of No Impediment will not be issued until after a minimum statutory period of 14 days, but as a general rule, you should allow four weeks if your document also requires Authentication.

Does the certificate have a validity period?

Some countries may treat a Certificate of No Impediment as valid only for a certain period after its issue date.



How much does it cost?

The base fee is NZ\$122.60 but there may be additional costs depending on the country you intend to get married in.



Where can I find more information?

Country specific information about the process, fee and timeframe to apply for a Certificate of No Impediment is available at www.bdm.govt.nz. Alternatively contact Births, Deaths and Marriages or the appropriate Embassy/Consulate for further details.

Fees and how to Contact us

The fee for this service is dependent on the particular countries requirements. To find out the fee or to contact us:

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Address

Post

CONI Team
Births, Deaths and Marriages
Department of Internal Affairs
PO Box 10-526
Wellington 6143
New Zealand

Courier

CONI Team
Births, Deaths and Marriages
Department of Internal Affairs
120 Victoria Street
Wellington 6143
New Zealand

Fax

Attention: CONI Team
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Privacy Statement

The information provided on this form is collected under the Marriage Act 1955.

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Instructions

If you have any questions or you are unsure about how to complete this form please contact us ☎:

- Within New Zealand Freephone 0800 22 52 52
- Outside New Zealand phone +64 4 463 9362

① Please read the notes on the two pages at the front of this application form carefully before you start

I give notice that, I

Your full name

All first names

Surname

All first names at birth (if different from above)

Surname at birth (if different from above)

Your date of birth

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Your place of birth: Town or City, and Country (if not New Zealand)

at present residing at

Your residential address  - this is not a PO Box

Flat number (if applicable)

Street number

Street

Suburb or rural locality

City, town or district

Country (if not New Zealand)

Postcode

intend to marry (a person of the opposite sex)

Full name of the person you intend to marry

All first names

Surname

a national or citizen of

Country of nationality of the person you intend to marry

in

Country you intend to get married in

I apply for a certificate of no impediment to my intended marriage. My details are:

Your parent's details † †

Statement A

Mother's full name

Mother's surname

Mother's first names

Mother's surname at birth (if different from above)

Mother's first names at birth (if different from above)

If your mother lives in New Zealand - Print your mother's address 🏠

Flat number (if applicable)

Street number

Street in New Zealand

Suburb or rural locality in New Zealand

City, town or district in New Zealand

Postcode

Mother's email address 📧 - if provided we will email the letter rather than posting it

Father's full name

Father's surname

Father's first names

Father's surname at birth (if different from above)

Father's first names at birth (if different from above)

If your father lives in New Zealand - Print your father's address 🏠

Flat number (if applicable)

Street number

Street in New Zealand

Suburb or rural locality in New Zealand

City, town or district in New Zealand

Postcode

Father's email address 📧 - if provided we will email the letter rather than posting it

If no parent is living in New Zealand

Statement B

Name and address of a relative or friend (circle one) in New Zealand who has known you over a period of time

Full name of relative or friend

Flat number (if applicable)

Street number

Street

Suburb or rural locality

City, town or district

Postcode

Relative or friend's email address 📧 - if provided we will email the letter rather than posting it

If you have previously been married or in a civil union

If you have previously been married or in a civil union, complete for your most recent marriage/civil union:

- Tick 1 box
- Marriage
- Civil Union

→ Date of marriage/civil union

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Place of marriage/civil union (town or city, and country if not NZ)

and how and when did your previous marriage/civil union end?

- Tick 1 box
- Dissolution/Divorce*
- Death of partner

→ Date of dissolution/divorce or death of partner

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*If either the marriage/civil union or the dissolution/divorce occurred outside New Zealand attach a certified true copy or original of your Order of Dissolution/Divorce. If not in English translate into English using a recognised organisation.

Signature (of the person intending to get married outside New Zealand)

Signature

Full name

Date

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Your contact details

Your daytime landline and/or mobile phone number 

Email address 

Payment details

 **Contact us for fees**

DO NOT POST CASH

I choose the following method to pay

Fee	Courier (recommended if overseas)	Total
\$ <input type="text"/>	+ \$ <input type="text"/>	= \$ <input type="text"/>

I enclose a New Zealand cheque, New Zealand money order or International bankdraft in New Zealand dollars made out to: The Department of Internal Affairs

Charge my credit/debit card: VISA Mastercard Amex Prezzy Card

Card number

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Expiry date

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Cardholder's name

Cardholder's signature

If paying in person at an Identity Services Office we also accept EFTPOS and cash payments