

## 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 FOR 2025

### Basic Requirements

- Original current passport of both parties
- One Scanned Copy of your passports (sent prior to your arrival).
- Four witnesses, one copy of their passports
- A Medical Certificate for bride and groom
- A Prenuptial Blood Test for bride and groom

**NOTE:** The above listed requirements are “basic documents” required to get legally married in the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico. You DO NOT need your Birth Certificate for your Civil Wedding; however, your 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,” listed below, which **will increase** the cost of your wedding, due to the arrangements *YOU need to do* back in your home country and in Mexico.

### Additional Non-Required Documents

- Certified copy of Bride and Groom’s Birth Certificate
- Birth Certificates will need to have the Apostille (or Authentication) seal from your country.
- Birth certificates and Apostille seals must be translated into Spanish **in Mexico**, by an approved and certified translator known in Mexico as “Perito Traductor.”
- The cost of translation services is \$50 USD per page from English to Spanish. \*Price may vary for other languages.

## Civil Wedding Package Inclusions:

- Certificate of no outstanding child support obligations in Mexico \*(See note below)
- Translation of Passports from original language into Spanish
- Submission of Wedding Application to Civil Registrar
- Prenuptial Medical Certificate and Blood test
- Justice Per Diem Honorarium
- Four Witnesses (Optional)
- One Original Marriage Certificate \*(See Important Facts next page)
- One Certified Copy of Wedding Certificate:
- Marriage Certificate Apostille/Authentication
- English Translation of Marriage Certificate and Apostille/Authentication
- FedEx Mail Delivery of Wedding Certificate: \*(Only one mailing address)
- **PRICE: \$1,800 USD**
- **SERVICE FEE: \$600 USD** - \*(Not included in Civil Wedding Package)
- **TOTAL AMOUNT: \$2,400 USD**

**IMPORTANT:** In 2024, the Mexican Congress introduced a requirement that all individuals seeking to marry in Mexico, including Mexican citizens and foreigners, must provide proof of no outstanding child support obligations in Mexico. This measure, aimed at protecting children's rights, reflects Mexico's commitment to ensuring compliance with support obligations for all individuals, regardless of nationality.

To obtain the required certificate, the Civil Registry checks its database for any record of unpaid obligations. If no issues are found, the certificate is issued, allowing the couple to proceed with their marriage application.

**This procedure must be initiated 3 to 4 weeks before the wedding** to ensure the results are returned in time for the marriage application.

Though this procedure may sound like a hassle, **I can handle all the paperwork and legalities for you**, ensuring a smooth and stress-free process.

## My Services Include:

- Obtain Certificate of no outstanding child support obligations
- Have Passports translated into Spanish from original language
- Provide you with detailed required information for the wedding application form.
- Fill out the wedding application form, according to the information you provide.
- Provide you with all paperwork, government forms, copies of documents etc.
- Booking the judge for the date and hour of your choice.
- Make lab appointment to have tests done.

- Pick up the test results and medical certificate.
- Submit the wedding application form, blood test results, and medical certificates to the Civil Registry Office.
- Obtain a Certified Copy of your Marriage Certificate
- Have the certified copy of your Marriage Certificate to be apostilled.
- Have your Marriage Certificate to be translated into ENGLISH.
- Mail the Wedding Certificate to your country and home address (One mailing address)
- Provide your wedding witnesses in case you don't have any.

## IMPORTANT FACTS:

- My SERVICE FEE for assisting you is *apart* from the Legal Wedding Fees
- The Wedding Application form needs to be submitted to the Civil Registry at least 5 business days BEFORE the ceremony date. \*(Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays are not included).
- Bride and groom must arrive **at least three working days prior the Wedding** to be able to get your Blood test done. \*(Medical and blood tests need to be done **in Mexico** within 15 days of the ceremony).
- 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 bring your own Witnesses, they must be 18 years or older, and can be related to the bride and groom, and **will need a copy of their passport.**
- \*Justice of Peace honorariums vary for **weekends, holidays, location, time and distance.**
- Additional requirements may apply for Divorced/Widowed Brides, and for foreigners marrying a Mexican citizen - **ASK for full INFO if this applies to you.**
- If you are **widow or divorced** you DO NOT need to present a divorce decree or death certificate; you will apply as "single" on the Wedding Application. On the Wedding Day you will sign and affidavit, stating that you are not currently married.

## Apostille/Authentication

- Countries that are members of the **Hague Convention** require that all Weddings Certificates from Wedding ceremonies celebrated in Mexico have the **Apostille Seal**. This procedure is done at the State Capital by the Secretary of State.
- If your country does not belong to the Hague Convention, it will still require the **Authentication/ Legalization** of your Mexican Marriage Certificate, which we will provide for you as well.

## Marriage Certificate & Certified Copies

- The Civil Registry office will only produce three original "Legal Size" Marriage Certificates, which will be signed by the couple and the witnesses.
  - One of the original documents will be filed at the state office in Chetumal.
  - Another original document will be filed at the local municipality.
  - The third original document is what the couple takes back home for their own records.
- The certified copy of your Marriage Certificate is a "Letter Size" document, it does not contain your signatures nor fingerprints; it is a "Certified Copy. It contains a National Mexican raised seal, a printed State seal, and an ink Stamp from the municipality.
- I will start the Apostille/Authentication process right after your wedding. However, the process to receive your Certified Copy with the **Apostille Seal**, and English translation can take **from 2 to 4 weeks** after your wedding.

## Marriage Requirements

- 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.

## DEPOSIT, PAYMENTS & REFUND POLICY

- **1st Payment:** \$200 USD (Non-refundable): This serves as your initial deposit to begin the process of obtaining the *Certificate of No Outstanding Child Support*.
  - *Due at least three weeks before the wedding. \*(Payment can be made via PayPal or wire transfer).*
- **2nd Payment:** \$600 USD: Due **one week before the wedding** to cover your **Wedding Application**. *\*(Payment can be made via PayPal or wire transfer).*  
  
**Please note:** *This payment is non-refundable once the wedding application has been submitted to the Civil Registry, and judge has been booked.*
- **3rd Payment:** \$800 USD: Due **when blood tests are done**. *\*(Cash payment only)*
- **4th Payment:** \$800 USD: Due **on the Wedding Day** - *\*(Cash payment only)*

**IMPORTANT:** The above Fees only include the services mentioned in this document. Should you request additional services, such as **transportation, flower bouquet** or **Photography**, the cost will be added and split accordingly.