

## II.- Matrimonio

El registro de matrimonio celebrado en una Representación Consular, tiene plena validez, por lo que una vez efectuado el trámite no se requiere de ninguna inscripción ante autoridad mexicana o estadounidense.

### REQUISITOS PARA CONTRAER MATRIMONIO EN ESTE CONSULADO GENERAL:

- 1.- Llenar solicitud, obténgala aquí (consulado).**
- 2.- Ambos contrayentes deben ser de nacionalidad mexicana.**
- 3.- Cada contrayente debe presentar su acta de nacimiento original.**
- 4.- Identificación vigente de los contrayentes y testigos:** pasaporte o matrícula consular; credencial de elector con fotografía o cartilla del servicio militar; licencia de conducir o identificación del estado.
- 5.- Testigos.** Se requieren dos testigos por cada contrayente, deben ser mayores de 18 años. Si el testigo conoce a ambos contrayentes entonces sólo es necesario un testigo por cada pretendiente. Si el testigo sólo conoce a uno de los contrayentes entonces se requieren dos testigos por cada pretendiente.
- 6.- Certificado de Salud** firmado por médico titulado, en cual se manifiesta que los contrayentes no padecen enfermedad alguna que sea crónica, incurable, contagiosa o hereditaria. Si el certificado está en inglés, tiene que ser traducido al español.
- 7.- Consentimiento por escrito de las personas que ejercen la patria potestad o tutela.** Cuando se trate de matrimonio de menores de 18 años. En dicho caso también deberán aprobar el convenio de capitulaciones y firmar las solicitudes.
- 8.- Acta de defunción del cónyuge fallecido.-** Si alguno o ambos contrayentes son viudos, acompañar copia certificada del documento. Si el acta de defunción se efectuó en país diferente de México ó Estados Unidos de América, deberá estar apostillada ó legalizada (autenticación del documento por parte de la autoridad correspondiente).
- 8.- Acta de divorcio o de la sentencia de divorcio ejecutoriada conteniendo los puntos resolutivos de la misma, o en su caso, de la nulidad de matrimonio.** Si alguno de los pretendientes es divorciado. En caso de que dichos documentos hayan sido expedidos en país diferente a México ó Estados Unidos de América deberán ser apostillados ó legalizados (autenticación del documento por parte de la autoridad correspondiente).

### PROCEDIMIENTO

1. Entregar personalmente todos los documentos original y dos copias, ese mismo día se les dará una cita para que se presenten en el Consulado, llevar a cabo el acto matrimonial y firmar el acta respectiva.
1. Pago de Derechos: Ceremonia \$43.00 US DLS., Copia Certificada del acta de matrimonio \$13.00 US DLS. cada una. El pago de derechos es en efectivo o con tarjeta de crédito.

Después de dos años, también puede solicitar copias certificadas del Acta de Matrimonio en:

**Archivo Central del Registro Civil del DF**

Arcos de Belén y Dr. Andrade

Col. Doctores, 06700

México, D. F.

Teléfonos 5578-7140 y 5578-7143

### **III.- Marriage Requirements in Mexico**

The following are the requirements for marriage in the Federal District (Mexico City). However, marriage requirements prevailing in the thirty-one states of Mexico are in general very similar to those of the Federal District.

An American or other foreigner wishing to be married in Mexico must present to the appropriate Civil Registry the documents described in the paragraphs below. All documents from U.S., except for the valid U.S. passport, must be authenticated by an American authority (usually the Secretary of State), from the state where they originated, who attaches an "apostille" to the document.

- In MEXICO, only the civil marriage is recognized as legal. Persons wishing to do so may also have a religious ceremony but it has no legal effect and does not replace in any way the legal binding civil marriage. A civil wedding in Mexico is fully valid for legal purposes worldwide; however, a religious wedding without the civil ceremony is NOT.
- Foreigners are not subject to a residence requirement but, will have to identify themselves by presenting their tourist card and/or visa, as well as a valid passport (for some nationalities a certified copy of the birth certificate along with identification will suffice).
- Marriages are performed for a small fee at the "Oficina del Registro Civil" (Office of the Civil Registry), but they may be performed elsewhere for an extra fee, which should be ascertained from the Civil Registry. There are offices of the Civil Registry in each city or small town in Mexico.
- Persons under the age of eighteen cannot be married, without the consent of their parents or legal guardians (In any circumstances persons under the age of sixteen, can be married in Mexico). If the parents or guardians cannot be present

at the marriage they must grant a power of attorney to another individual to exercise the parental consent at the ceremony. This power of attorney must be authenticated (with the apostille from the local authority) and translated.

If the power of attorney is issued by a Mexican Consulate, it does not require an apostille to be used in Mexico.

- Foreigners should present the following to the office of the Civil Registry:
  - A completed application, including a statement as to whether they wish to marry under JOINT or SEPARATE PROPERTY (Application forms are available at the office of the Civil Registry).
  - A certified copy of their birth certificate with the apostille from the local authority I. E. (Secretary of State, Assistant Deputy Secretary of State). It must also be translated in Mexico.
  - A certified copy of the divorce decree. Divorced people cannot marry in Mexico until one year after the termination of the divorce.
  - A certified copy of the death certificate.
- If the divorce or death took place outside of Mexico, it must be authenticated (with the apostille from the local authority) and must also be translated in Mexico.
  - **Results of the blood test or certificate from a physician in Mexico indicating that both are free of contagious diseases (Tuberculosis, Syphilis or HIV) which are impediments to marriage. (It is recommended that the test be done in Mexico, because the results must be in Spanish).**
  - Two legally qualified witnesses (over 18 years of age) who will have to be present at the ceremony.
- Certified copies of Mexican Marriage Certificate (Acta de matrimonio) may be obtained from the office of the Civil Registry in which the marriage was performed. It is desirable to have the document authenticated by the corresponding Mexican authority, by means of the "apostille", when applicable.
- Foreigners wishing to marry in Mexico must first obtain permission to do so from the "Secretaría de Gobernación" (Ministry of Interior) located at:

**Instituto Nacional de Migración**  
Homero 1832, Colonia Polanco  
México, Distrito Federal, México  
Telephone: (555) 387-2400  
(555) 387-2409 (Mexico, City)  
Or 01-800-0093-400 (Within Mexico)

The application may be made IN PERSON or by WRITING to the above office IN SPANISH. A certified copy of the birth certificate with apostille should be sent or presented with the application.

Men marrying MEXICAN WOMEN, have to prove their economic solvency. It may be a letter from the employer stating the position, salary, seniority or equivalent proof in the case of self-employed persons, individuals applying in person should present their tourist card and/or visa.

If you are applying by mail do NOT send your tourist card with the application.

The letter from the employer should have the apostille from the local authority.

For apostille requirements, please contact the Secretary of State.