

Fiji Marriage License Requirements:

This marriage license is granted only on special circumstances. For example, foreign visitors who are in Fiji for a short period of time. The required documents for foreigners or local parties who reside in foreign countries are below. Local parties can also apply for the special license.

Plantation Island Resort's Wedding Coordinator will assist you with the process and required documents.

- a) Request letter from the parties who intend to have a special license marriage, explaining the reason for the waiver of 21 days' notice with evidence. The letter should be signed by both parties.
- b) Recent passport size photo of both parties
- c) Birth certificate of both parties
- d) Passport of both parties
- e) Divorce Papers (if either party is divorced)
- f) Death Certificate (if either party's spouse is deceased)
- g) Two witnesses & their valid photo identification
- h) Certificate of Single Status/Certificate of Search (or) Certificate of no Legal Impediment is required to be produced by the following marriage applicant:
 - i. Marriage applicants where one party is a local while the other is a foreigner.
 - ii. Marriage applicants who were former citizens of Fiji attaining citizenship abroad for two years and above
 - iii. Marriage applicants who are foreigners
- i) Statutory Declaration: for former citizens of Fiji & citizens of Fiji on who are on a work visa living abroad for less than two years.
- j) Marriage applicant from Japan must produce the Koseki – Shouhon, to certify their personal details.

Please note total number of years for the search should be done between 18 years of age (legal age to get married) until your current age and the certificate must be dated 1-2 months prior to your arrival. If you have moved from another country, then you will be required to apply for 2 certificates – current country and last country or birth country you lived in.

Please note that the single status certificate is required for both parties from the country of birth and country residing at. For example, if a person is born in Australia and residing in New Zealand, then a single status certificate is required from Australia and New Zealand. The single status certificate can be obtained from the office where the marriage record is kept for the country. Please note that the search should be done from the legal age of the person or from the divorce date of the person (if divorce is applicable).

The special license will be issued when it is approved by the Registrar General, therefore we request that you submit all the documents at least 1 month before the marriage date so that we can verify the documents and have it approved by the Registrar General. This will allow us to advise beforehand if we require anything more and it gives parties sufficient time to arrange for it before they travel to Fiji. Both parties must visit the BDM office in person with the original documents prior to the wedding date, upon which the license will be issued.

Marriage License application fee payable directly to BDM Office – F\$57.50

Note: The registry office opens from 8am – 4pm Monday to Thursday and 8am to 3pm on Fridays. Closed on: Saturdays, Sundays and Fijian public holidays.