

What is required for foreigners to commit to Civil Marriage:

1. Recent Marriage License from the country specific, (must be issued three or four months before the wedding) confirming that the person concerned has no impediment to get married and all the mandatory information of the intended spouse is stated. The license should mention **necessarily** for how long it is valid from the date of its issue. The license should mention **only** place of the Marriage, the Municipality of Rethymno.

For citizens from Canada, Hungary, Estonia, France, U.S.A., Russia and Bulgaria confirmation that they have no impediment to get married is needed from their Consulate in Greece, certified by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translated into Greek (no validation is required for French and Estonian Consulate).

2. Recent Birth Certificate (must be issued six months or one year before the wedding)
3. A residence permit or VISA whose validity period has not expired (not required for E.U. citizens).
4. A valid passport or identity card for citizens members of the E.U.
5. Recent divorce documents, if they exist (must be issued six months or one year before the wedding), all the divorcies, not only the last one).
6. Recent document (must be issued six months or one year before the wedding) that shows possible changes (for instant name change e.t.c.)
 - Certificates issued in countries that have signed the Hague Convention should bear an apostille of the Hague Convention (APOSTILLE) by the Foreign authority, on the original foreign document and not in translation. Certificates issued in Austria, France, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Turkey, are accepted without APOSTILLE stamp.
 - Certificates issued in countries which have signed the Hague Convention, but Greece has raised objections to their membership (e.g. Albania, Georgia), should bear legalization of the Greek consular authorities abroad for the genuineness of the signature of the foreign authorities. The validation in this case is done on the original and not a photocopy. The objections that Greece has raised to Albania have been resolved with the document no 12008/27-02-2018 issued by the Ministry of Interior of Greece and they don't exist.
 - Certificates issued in countries that have not signed the Hague Convention should bear legalization of Greek consular authorities abroad or the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs as to the authenticity of the signature of the foreign authorities. The validation in this case is done on the original and not a photocopy.

Marriage licenses that have been issued in accordance to the Munich Convention 05.09.1980 (CERTIFICAT DE CAPACITE MATRIMONIALE) from the following countries: Germany, Austria, Spain, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey and Moldova are accepted

without validation.

Official translation is considered:

1. From the Translation Service of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Athens).
2. From an authorized permanent civil servant of the corresponding Greek consular authority of the country issuing the certificate.
3. From a Greek lawyer who certifies that he has sufficient knowledge of the language from which he translated from.
4. From a professional translator certified by the Ionian University.

To commit a civil marriage, the couple must submit a request to the Municipality of Rethymnon, no later than three working days before the wedding (until 12:30). On the same day they should submit the necessary documents and pay the corresponding amount:

1. In the Town Hall

- Weekdays 100,00 €
- Weekends 120,00 €

2. The St. Lazarus Chapel.

- Weekdays 150,00 €
- Weekends 180,00 €

3. In other public spaces

- Weekdays 300,00 €
- Weekends 400,00 €

During the marriage, each person about to be married should be accompanied by a witness, who must be an adult. The witnesses may be relatives and they have to carry their identity card or passport with them.

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