



MARRIAGE IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The following information is provided to assist Australian Citizens intending to marry in the United Arab Emirates to comply with local government requirements. The procedures and information outlined below are intended for use as a guide only and may be subject to change. You may be required to obtain a Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage from the Australian Embassy in Abu Dhabi or Australian Consulate-General in Dubai. The fees for the performance overseas of notarial services are legislated by the *Consular Fees Act 1955*.

CIVIL MARRIAGES

Abu Dhabi Civil Family Court

Tel: 02 651 2222; 600 599 799

Please visit the following website for the latest information:

- <https://www.adjd.gov.ae/EN/Pages/nonmuslimsfamilycourt.aspx>

MUSLIM MARRIAGES

The Sharia Court Abu Dhabi:

Tel: 02 651 2222

The Sharia Court Dubai:

Tel: 04 334 7777

The following documents may be required:

Please check with the person or authority performing the marriage.

- The marriage ceremony may take place in the Sharia Court.
- If the bride's father is not present, a letter of consent is required, stating he gives permission for the marriage to take place and a certified copy of his passport must be included to verify his signature.
- If the father is deceased, the death certificate is required and the consent of the bride's brother. If she has no brothers, an uncle from father's side must give consent. If there are no male relatives to give consent you must have a document to prove this.
- Bride and groom's passports
- The groom must be Muslim. The bride can be of any religion.
- A letter from the party's employer/s, stating that there are no objections to the marriage.
- A letter from the Police Directorate stating that the parties do not have a criminal record.
- Two witnesses may be required to attend the ceremony.
- Dowry can be specified and paid directly to the bride or it can be stated that there is an agreement that no dowry is to be paid.
- All English documents will need to be translated into Arabic by a legal translator.
- Once the marriage certificate is signed, the document should be attested by the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGES

St Mary's Catholic – Dubai:

Tel: 04 337 0087

Holy Trinity Anglican Church – Dubai

Tel: 04 337 0247

Church of Christ – Dubai

Tel: 04 263 4977

Christ Church (Anglican) – Dubai

Tel: 04 884 5436

United Christian Evangelical Church – Dubai

Tel: 04 884 6623

- The marriage ceremony may take place either in a church (if you are a member of the congregation) or at an alternative venue, e.g. a private home (this option is available only for certain religious denominations - please consult the relevant minister).
- A Certificate of No Impediment is generally required. Australian citizens can obtain this from the Australian Embassy in Abu Dhabi or the Australian Consulate-General in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, or from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Australia.
- Couples must complete a form issued by the church.
- If divorcees, Decree Absolutes (Divorce certificates) are needed.
- Bride & groom's passports

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- Two witnesses may be required to attend the ceremony.
- Fees may vary - please consult your minister.
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HINDU MARRIAGES

The Hindu Temple Dubai:

Tel: 04 353 5334

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