



GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO

Departamento de Salud

### REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE DESTINATION WEDDING

Law 127, August 11, 2010. To amend Sections 1 and 2 of Act No. 133 of May 14, 1937, as amended, so that in Puerto Rico a medical certificate is accepted that complies with all the evidence required to enter into marriage at the place of residence to nonresident men and women of Puerto Rico who wish to marry in the Island.

Prior to start all wedding preparations, you must obtain all documents required by the Vital Records offices in Puerto Rico, formalities necessary for our agency and the conclusion of the ceremony. The future spouses must both visit the Demographic Registrar's Office and comply with the following requisites:

A statement or certification (letter or prescription note with full address of the medical center or doctor office) from an authorized medical physician which indicates the compliance of all tests required to enter in marriage in *their place of residence*. Medical certification must include the name of the intending spouses and the signature of the doctor. Please specify if lab test is not necessary.

1. The certification has a validity of ten (10) calendar days subsequent to the date of issuance and following these, will not be able to get married until a new medical certification or a document issued by the competent authority of the state, country or territory that certified it.
2. A sworn statement or affidavit which stipulates the following:
  - ✓ Non-residents of Puerto Rico and the purpose of the visit are solely to enter in marriage.
  - ✓ Duration of the visit; if a foreign citizen, establish that he/she will not stay in Puerto Rico for more time than what was specified in the permission to enter a United States Territory, granted by the corresponding federal agency.

If the sworn statement is written in the United States, the public notary's signature, before who the statement was made, must be authenticated by the state County Clerk (in some cases, this corresponds to the Secretary of State).

3. Valid photo identification, issued by the government of the state or country of residence. The following are the most common forms of accepted identifications: Driver's License, Passport or State Identification. Expired or mutilated is not acceptable.
4. Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Stamp for the sum of \$150.00. Colecturia of Puerto Rico.
5. Original Birth Certificate; the names will be documented per the way they appear on the certificates. If have legal change name provide evidence from courthouse, documents has to be sealed as a certified copy.

*"If you have a birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce certification (or documents related with the divorced), name changes by court or any other document that you have to submit in order to obtain a marriage license in Puerto Rico that is not originally in Spanish or English, you must translate the documents in Spanish or English. You will have to provide the original document and the translated document".*

6. Minors of 21 years of age must be accompanied by both parents with legal guardianship (remember that you are getting married under de law of government of PR) duly identified, who will sign the Matrimonial License in the presence of the Registrar.
7. All final Divorce decrees of resolution from all previous marriages, or in the case of widowhood, the spouse's Death Certificate.
8. Celebrants including local lawyers must be registered through the Demographic Registry Central Offices in order to officiated marriages in Puerto Rico. Without the license you won't be able to perform marriages. The celebrant is obligated to submit the Marriage Certificate and Matrimonial License to any Demographic Registrar's Office, regardless of where the matrimonial rituals were celebrated during the subsequent 10 calendar days after the celebration. Please include a copy of Birth Certificates of the couples.
9. You can get your marriage certificate by: pr.gov or vitalchek.com or personally in our offices.