

GUIDANCE FOR IRISH NATIONALS WISHING TO MARRY IN THAILAND

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Please follow 4 following steps to register marriage in Thailand

Make an affidavit to marry at the Embassy of Ireland	Please prepare your own affidavit by completing the affidavit form enclosed on page 4. Once completed, please e-mail your affidavit together with a copy of all required documents to the Embassy for review. Please also indicate the date and time that you wish to come to the Embassy to have your affidavit witnessed by a Diplomatic Officer. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: 1. Your passport 2. Your long form birth certificate 3. Evidence that any previous marriages have been terminated (death certificate or divorce certificate(s) as appropriate) 4. Your intended spouse's passport AND National Identification card 5. Your bank statement showing of your income/salary OR Employer's letter stating your salary. **Please note that the originals of all documents are required to be presented on your appointment date** • An appointment to have your affidavit signed by a Diplomatic Officer at the Irish Embassy MUST be made in advance. Your appointment time will be confirmed to you by email. • Please bring originals of all of the above required documents with you to the Embassy on your appointment date. • The fee of 2.100 THB is charged per declaration and this service can only be provided to Irish nationals. • If your marriage registration is taking place in Bangkok, you may require a certified copy of your passport (fee 1,400 THB). If it is taking place outside of Bangkok you should check the requirements directly with the registration office at which you
Have the affidavit translated into Thai	 intend to register your marriage for their latest requirements before lodging your application. Once the affidavit has been signed, you will need to have it translated into Thai. Please note that The Embassy does not provide a translation service.
3. Have the affidavit authenticated and translation certified	All Thai Registrars will require authentication of the Irish Diplomats's signature and certification of the Thai translation. This must be obtained from: The Legalisation and Naturalisation Division, Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry
	of Foreign Affairs 123 ChaengWattana Road, Laksi District, Bangkok
	OR Khlong Toei MRT station (Metro Mall) Rama 4 Road, Khlong Toei, Bangkok,
	Tel. 02-575-1056, 02-981-7171
4. Submit the document to the Registrar	The affirmation and translation are then ready for submission to the registrar, who, if satisfied, will register the marriage and issue a Thai marriage certificate.

- The Irish Embassy in Bangkok is not authorised to perform marriages.
- Marriage in Thailand should be performed according to Thai law and any detailed questions on the procedure should be addressed to the appropriate Thai authorities.
- A religious ceremony on its own is not sufficient.
- The documentation to be produced is at the discretion of each individual Registrar. Most Registrars will be satisfied with an affirmation of freedom to marry.
- The marriage will only be recognised under Irish law if it is valid under Thai law. For it to be valid in Thai law, the marriage must be registered with the Registrar at an Amphur Office (District Office). A list of some Amphur offices in Bangkok and upcountry is attached on page 3.
- The Thai marriage certificate will be in Thai only. You may wish to commission a "sworn translation" of the marriage certificate from a translation bureau, so that you may use the document for legal purposes in Ireland.
- Please note that a foreign national does not automatically acquire Irish nationality through marriage to an Irish national.
- If you are marrying a Thai national, he or she will require a visa to visit or visit or settle in Ireland.

NB: THE FEES MAY ALTER WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

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SOME REGISTRATION OFFICES THROUGHOUT THAILAND

1. Khet Pathumwan Registration Office

216/1 Chula 7, Kwang Wang-Mai, Bangkok 10330

Tel: 02-214-3004

2. Khet Bangrak Registration Office

5 Nares Road, Kwang Siphraya, Bangkok 10500

Tel: 02-236-1395

3. Laksi Registration Office

999 Moo.2 Chaeng Wattana Road., Bangkhen, Bangkok 10210

Tel: 02-982-2081-2

4. Amphur Koh Samui Registration Office

Taweeraj Pakdee Road, Tambon Angtong, Amphur Kok Samui, Surat Thani 84140

Tel: 077-420-372, 077-420-373

5. Amphur Muang Phuket Registration Office

Mae-Larn Road, Tambon Talardyai, Amphur Muang, Phuket 83000

Tel: 076-224-911

6. Amphur Muang Chiang Mai Registration Office

36 Intavarorot Road, Tambon Sri-Poom, Amphur Muang, Chiang Mai 50000

Tel: 053-221-016

7. Amphur Banglamung Registration Office

Moo 2, Sukhumvit Road, Tambon Na Klua, Amphur Banglamung,

Chonburi 20150

Tel: 038-443-020

8. Hua Hin District Office

Dumnoenkasem Road, Hua Hin, Prachuap Khiri Khan 77110

Tel: 032-623-000

9. Amphur Koh Phangan

Moo 2 Tongsala Chaloklum Road, Tambon Koh Phangan, Suratthani 84280

Tel: 077-377-021, 377-064

10. Krabi Registration Office

Uttarakij Road, Tambon Paknam, Amphur Muang, Krabi 81000

Tel: 075-611-340

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

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according to Tha	ai law.					
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Frequently asked Questions

1. Do I have to type my affidavit for marriage?

Ans: Please use the enclosed template on page 4 to complete your affidavit for marriage.

2. Do I have to get my passport certified?

Ans: Some Registration Office may require certified copy of your passport. You should check this directly with Thai Authorities for their latest requirements before lodging your application. There is a charge of Baht 1,400 for certification of document.

3. What if I don't have a required documentation on an appointment date?

Ans: If you do not present your original required documentation, we cannot issue you an affirmation to marry.

4. If my fiancée is a Thai national, what address should I put on the form?

Ans: An address on his/her Thai ID card should be put on an affidavit for marriage.

5. Do I have to specify the place and date of my marriage registration?

Ans: Yes, you must specify the 'Province' where you will register your marriage (not the name of the town/city or district office).

6. If I am retired, what occupation should I put on my affidavit?

Ans: You may put your previous occupation for example, I am a retired accountant.

7. Who can I put for my two references?

Ans: The Thai authorities require your 2 references to be an Irish National. They can be anyone who knows you including family or friends.

8. Are the 2 references the same as the witnesses to my marriage?

Ans: No. The 2 references on your affirmation do not have to be the same people that witness the wedding registration

9. What address should I put on my affidavit?

Ans: Address in Ireland preferred. If you provide an address in Thailand, proof of address may be required by the Thai registrar. You should confirm this with the local district office in advance.

10. What do I do if my supporting documents are not in English?

Ans: You must bring an English translation together with the original.

11. After I'm married, do I need to return to the Embassy again for any more paperwork?

Ans: No.

12. Will my marriage be valid in Ireland?

Ans: You may want to consider translating your Thai marriage certificate into English and getting it legalised by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and your marriage will be recognised in Ireland.

13. Apart from my affirmation to marry, what other documents do I need to get married?

Ans: Each district office has their own requirements, therefore always check with them what documents are required to register your marriage.

14. Does my fiancé have to come with me to sign the affirmation?

Ans: No, however if he/she is a Thai national, please bring their original Thai ID card and passport with you.

15. Can my Non-EEA spouse live with me in Ireland after we get married?

Ans: If your partner is not an Irish citizen, they can apply for a Join Irish Spouse visa before they can move to reside in Ireland.

For more information please visit https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/thailand/our-services/visas/