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Civil marriage

Individuals wishing to get married in Lithuania need to fill out the required forms and submit them along with their passport, birth certificate, and required documents (listed below) to the Civil Registry office (Marriage Palace).

The following documents are to be submitted:

- documents certifying the identity of the person;
- certificates of birth (in some cases not required, however, it is recommended to bring it);
- if a person who intends to contract marriage is a citizen of a foreign country, additionally a document issued by the competent authorities of his/her state certifying that there are no obstacles to his/her marriage (i.e., a certificate that a person had not contracted another, at the time still valid, marriage) must be submitted. If a citizen of a foreign state is divorced or a widower, a document issued by the competent authorities of his/her country certifies his/her divorce or the death of his ex-spouse.

Documents of a citizen of a foreign country (except for the passport) must be **legalized or certified with an Apostille** (except for the documents issued in Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, Latvia and Estonia) and translated into the Lithuanian language. [More information about the legalization of documents](#)

An interpreter with a personal identification document must be present at the ceremony. If documents were submitted online, the originals of all sent documents with translations into Lithuanian must be presented on the day of marriage registration. Also, a citizen of a foreign country (except for citizens of the European Union and European Free Trade Association member states) must submit a document confirming a legal stay in Lithuania (visa, etc.). If a person is in Lithuania illegally or the period of

permission to be in Lithuania has expired, the marriage cannot be registered.

Can foreigners get married in Lithuania?

At least one of the individuals to be married must be either **a Lithuanian citizen, a resident of Lithuania** (f.e. holding a temporary residence permit), **or have Lithuanian ancestry**. Two foreigners with no prior ties to Lithuania will likely not be able to meet the requirements to be married in Lithuania.

What is the minimum age to get married in Lithuania?

The minimum age to marry is **18**.

How much does it cost?

To register a marriage at the registry office a **fee of 30 Euros** is paid. In case you want your marriage to be registered in the place that you chose by yourselves, a **fee of 70 Euros is taken**.

Marriage is registered at least **one month** after the day of submitting an application.

When submitting an application, **the presence of both persons is obligatory**.

Can you get Lithuanian citizenship by marriage?

If your husband (wife) is a citizen of Lithuania, and you are a citizen of a foreign state, you can be issued with a temporary or permanent residence in Lithuania. If you have married a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania and have been legally resident in the Republic of Lithuania for the last 7 years with your spouse, you have the right to apply for citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania. More information [here](#).

Church marriage

There is no bar to church weddings, but it is necessary to complete the civil procedure above to obtain the official marriage certificate. Church marriage with a foreigner is regulated by Church canons and should best be discussed with the Church of your choice.

Source: Civil Registry