

The marriage between Filipinos or between a Filipino and a foreign national should be reported to and registered with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) through the Philippine Embassy/Consulate General which has jurisdiction over the locality where the event took place.

ONLY marriages that took place in the following states can be registered or reported at the Philippine Consulate General in New York: (1) Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

For marriages that happened in other U.S. states, please check the Consulate Finder at <http://philippineembassy-usa.org/philippines-dc/consulate-finder-dc/> to find out which Philippine Embassy or Consulate can assist you, what the hours of operation are and how to reach it.

What Are The Requirements?

1. Report of Marriage Form (duly accomplished and to be signed by both husband and wife before a Consular Officer). The Wife should indicate her maiden surname as her last name. If submitting the application **by mail**, the **forms**

must already be
signed
by both husband and wife and must be duly
notarized

2. Marriage Contract or Certificate, bearing information on the number of marriages contracted by both parties. If the number of marriages does not appear on the marriage contract/certificate, please submit **Marriage Record/License**

3. Valid passports or IDs of husband and wife.

4. Proof of Filipino Citizenship of applicant/s, at the time of marriage, such as:

- US Naturalization Certificate
- Permanent Resident Card, valid visa, work permit
- Dual Citizenship Papers (Identification Certificate and Approval Order)

5. Notarized Affidavit of Delayed of Registration, if application is filed more than 1 year after marriage

6. Additional Requirements when one or both parties have previous marriages:

a. **Death Certificate** of the deceased spouse/s, if widow or widower.

b. **Annotated marriage certificate** indicating that the marriage was annulled; **Judicial Decree of Annulment** ;
and
Certificate of Finality of Annulment

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f previous marriage/s were annulled.

c. **Foreign divorce decree**, if foreign spouse was previously married to another foreigner.

d. **Foreign divorce decree duly recognized by the Philippine Court***, if the Filipino citizen was previously married to a foreigner and a divorce was thereafter validly obtained abroad by the alien spouse.

Original or certified true copies of the above documents must be presented.

Please submit documents in four (4) sets, arranged in the following order/sequence:

1.	First Set – Original Report of Marriage (ROM) application and certified true	copy
2.	Second Set – Original ROM application and copy of documents.	
3.	Third Set – same as second set.	
4.	Fourth Set - same as second set.	
5.	Fifth Set - same as second set.	(If applying t

7. **Processing fee** of \$25.00 (non-refundable), payable in cash or money order made payable to the "Philippine Consulate General". Personal checks and

credit cards are not accepted.

8. If submitting the application by mail, include the following in the packet:

a. **Self-addressed prepaid stamped envelope**, preferably Priority Mail, with tracking number. The Philippine Consulate
General assumes no responsibility for any delay or loss in the mail, or while the documents are in the custody of the courier service. The applicant should note the tracking numbers of all envelopes used and submitted.

b. **Covering letter** (handwritten or typed), addressed to the Philippine Consulate General's Civil Registry Unit, indicating service/transaction requested and the applicants' contact details such as telephone/mobile number and email address.

The Consular Officer reserves the right to require additional proof or documents from an applicant, to prove his/her citizenship or identity pursuant to the Philippine Passport Law (R.A. 8239) and the Foreign Service Act. (R.A. 7157)

What Is The Processing Time?

Monday to Friday (except Philippine and US holidays) from **9:00 am – 12:00 noon**.

For walk-in applicants: Applications processed between 9:00 am to 12:00 noon may be released on the same day between 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Applications may be processed **after** 12noon, if the applicant falls under the following **exceptions**

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**Senior Citizen; PWD; Pregnant; With minor children; Long journey taken; and
And other analogous cases**

For mailed applications: Processing normally takes three (3) working weeks from the date the

complete accomplished packet is received by the Consulate. If you
have not received your processed document/s a months from mailing your application to the
Consulate, please
call the Civil Registry Section at (212) 764 1330 ext. 3825 or
email us at
newyorkpcg.civilregistry@dfa.gov.ph
with the following subject line:

Subject: (Insert Name of Applicant) - Report of Marriage Sent on (Insert Date of Mailing of
Application)

**Please mail your documents to: Civil Registration Services Philippine Consulate
General in New York**

556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036

DOWNLOADABLE FORMS

- [Report of Marriage Form](#)
- [Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Marriage](#)

***JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN DIVORCE**

There is no divorce in the Philippines, but when a divorce is validly obtained abroad by an alien spouse from his or her Filipino spouse, the Filipino spouse shall have the capacity to remarry under Philippine law. However, the divorce obtained abroad must be passed upon judicially by a Philippine court, to prove its validity, before the Filipino spouse can remarry under Philippine law.

The decision of the Philippine Court shall become the basis for the annotation on Philippine-issued Civil Registry documents.

GUIDELINES IN THE ANNOTATION OF THE FOREIGN-ISSUED DIVORCE DECREE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL IN THE PHILIPPINES:

1. The foreign divorce decree must be judicially enforced or confirmed in the Philippines by filing the proper civil action at the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Philippines.
2. The court decision shall be registered in the Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) where the concerned RTC functions.
3. The registered document shall be submitted to the LCRO where the marriage is registered. If the marriage was registered overseas, the registered document shall be submitted to the City Civil Registry Office at the Manila City Hall (CCRO Manila).
4. The following documents shall be submitted to CCRO Manila in annotating a civil registry document:

a. Original or Certified True Copy of the foreign judgment or order duly registered at the City Civil Registry Office at the Manila City Hall (CCRO Manila).

b. Original or Certified True Copy of the Certificate of Finality of the decision of Regional Trial Court (RTC-Phil).

c. Certificate of Registration of the decision of Regional Trial Court (RTCPhil) at the Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) where the concerned RTC-Phil functions.

5. After the annotation at the Local Civil Registrar's Office (LCRO) has been accomplished, the annotated documents and its requirements must be submitted to the Office of the Civil Registrar-General (OCRG) in Manila.

NOTE: All documents sourced or obtained in the US and intended for submission to Philippine authorities must be authenticated at the Philippine Embassy/Consulate which has jurisdiction over the place where the divorce decree was obtained. Please see process for authentication under our "Authentication and Notarial" tab.

More information about the legal procedures or hiring the services of a lawyer in the Philippines may be obtained from the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) or the Public Attorneys' Office (PAO) in Manila.

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