

Solemnization/Registration of Marriage under Foreign Marriage Act, 1969

The Embassy of India, Bogota solemnizes and registers marriages under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969, in accordance with the following two Sections:

- (a) Section 14 of the Act – Solemnization of marriage before the Marriage Officer of the Embassy.
- (b) Section 17 of the Act – Registration of foreign marriage that is already solemnized in Colombia in accordance with the law of Colombia.

Eligibility Criteria / Requirements:

2. Both the bride and groom must meet the following requirements: (a) at least one party must be an Indian national, and (b) the Indian national must be a legal resident within the consular jurisdiction of the Embassy of India, Bogota. He/she should have resided in Colombia for a period of not less than thirty days immediately preceding the date on which the notice of intended marriage is given to the Marriage Officer at the Embassy of India, Bogota and he/she should have either residence permit (of Colombia) or be on a long-term visa in Colombia.
3. If either party is a non-Indian national, they must submit a No-Objection Certificate (NOC) or an affidavit declaring their marital status and willingness to marry an Indian national, duly attested/apostilled by the relevant local authority.
4. Divorced individuals must provide a decree of divorce issued by a competent Indian court, attested by the CPV Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Foreign divorce judgements will not be valid. In case of mutually agreed or contested divorce cases also, an application must be submitted by the parties at the competent Indian civil court and a declaratory order authenticating and confirming that the foreign divorce decree is in accordance with Indian law must be obtained by the concerned parties.
5. Please note that marriages registered or solemnized under this Act may not be automatically recognized in foreign countries.

Steps to Apply :

6. This service is available only in person at the Embassy. The bride and bridegroom, along with the three witnesses, out of which at least one is to be Indian national, with valid visa/residence status, are required to be physically present and sign before the Marriage Officer during the submission of declaration as well as solemnization/registration of the marriage (two times on two different dates).

7. Procedure for Solemnization of Marriage under Section 14 of the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969, is as follows:

(A). Marriage of an Indian national with an Indian national.

Step 1

The notice of intended marriage as per **ANNEX I** along with fee is to be submitted to the Embassy after taking appointment. The notice of marriage will be put up on the Embassy notice board for a month. The signed Form at **ANNEX II** is also to be submitted along with the notice of intended marriage. On this day, the bride and bridegroom will have to sign the declaration **ANNEX IV** and affidavit [for Indian parties **ANNEX V**] in front of the Marriage Officer and in the presence of three witnesses out of which at least one is to be an Indian national. All are to be present physically in front of the Marriage Officer for signing at the Embassy. Appointments can be taken by writing to visa.bogota@mea.gov.in with copy to consular.bogota@mea.gov.in.

Step 2

Advertisement/Notice in the prescribed format (**Annex III**) is to be published in a widely circulated newspaper in the home country in English, at the place of permanent residence as indicated in the passports of the bride and the bridegroom and in the country in which the parties are ordinarily resident. In case both the bride and the bridegroom are from the same State in India, notice is to be published only in one newspaper of that particular State in English. After the publication of the notice, the applicants are required to submit the concerned newspapers in original. Where the language of advertisement is a foreign language, a Hindi/English translation (by sworn translators) of the advertisement is to be submitted to the Embassy.

Step 3

Thereafter, the Embassy will give a date for solemnization of marriage, on which day all five (bride, bridegroom and three witnesses) will appear in person before the Marriage Officer for registration/solemnization of the marriage. The date will be at least 30 days after the submission date of notice of the intended marriage, or publication of newspaper advertisements, whichever is later. The notice of intended marriage is valid for six months. If the marriage is not registered within this time-frame, the entire process must be restarted.

Documents required:

- ✓ Miscellaneous service application form **ANNEX VI** (<https://www.eoibogota.gov.in/content/Application%20for%20Miscellaneous%20Services.pdf>)
- ✓ **Payment of Fees:-** Marriage Registration Fees + Affidavit Fees as per Prescribed Fees Chart (<https://www.eoibogota.gov.in/page/passport-and-consular-fees/>), to be paid during the time of Notice intended marriage.

- ✓ Original passport and Passport copy, visa / residence permit copy and proof of address (utility bill / driving licence) of prospective bride and groom and three witnesses. Photocopies are to be self-attested.
- ✓ 4 identical passport size recent photographs of Bride & Groom. Duly filled in form for 'Notice of Intended Marriage' as mentioned above. Duly filled in form for 'Declaration by Prospective Bride and Groom' (2 copies) and Affidavit as mentioned above.
- ✓ Original full newspapers.
- ✓ Scanned copies of all documents must be sent to Embassy by email at least four working days before the date of registration / solemnization of marriage to visa.bogota@mea.gov.in with copy to consular.bogota@mea.gov.in and originals are to be brought on the day of solemnization of marriage.

(B). Marriage of an Indian national with a Foreign national.

In case either the bridegroom or the bride is of any nationality other than Indian, in addition to the above mentioned 7 (A) Requirements, bachelorhood certificate and no-objection to marry an Indian national, or singleness affidavit with the intention of marrying an Indian national, in original and duly attested/apostilled by the concerned Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Embassy/Consulate of that country, is required to be submitted, along with translation in English. This document should not be older than 90 days of the date of notice of intended marriage. This is to be submitted at least fifteen days before the date of registration of solemnization of marriage. The foreign party also needs to publish advertisement in his/her home country as well as the place of his/her ordinary residence, if it is different.

8. Section 17 of the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969 Act – Registration of marriage that is already solemnized in Colombia in accordance with the law of Colombia- The detailed procedure for registration of foreign marriages under Section 17 of Foreign Marriage Act, 1969 is as follows:

(A) Send an email request for registration of marriage [already solemnized in Colombia] along with all the scanned documents at visa.bogota@mea.gov.in with copy to consular.bogota@mea.gov.in. Accordingly, an appointment date will be conveyed to the applicants.

(B) ##Documents required :

- ✓ Completed Miscellaneous service application form **ANNEX VI**
(<https://www.eoibogota.gov.in/content/Application%20for%20Miscellaneous%20Services.pdf>)

- ✓ Marriage Registration Request Form **ANNEX VII** filled and signed by bride, bridegroom and three witnesses, out of which at least one is to be an Indian national, in front of the Marriage Officer.
- ✓ Original passport of all the five individuals (bride, bridegroom and three witnesses), along with one photocopy of the passports (first and last pages).
- ✓ Copy of proof of address (recent utility bill, driving license etc.) of all five individuals.
- ✓ Original and copy of valid visa residence permit of all five individuals.
- ✓ Marriage Certificate issued by the local authorities in Colombia to be ***apostilled*** and submitted along with a photo-copy.
- ✓ Two identical, passport size, recent photographs each of the bride and bridegroom.
- ✓ Three witnesses, out of which at least one is to be an Indian national, all must be physically present along with the both parties at the time of marriage registration at the Embassy.
- ✓ **Payment of Fees:-** Marriage Registration Fees as per Prescribed Fees Chart (<https://www.eoibogota.gov.in/page/passport-and-consular-fees/>), to be paid after the confirmation of the appointment for registration of Foreign marriage.

The list of documents is not exhaustive and the marriage officer at the Embassy may ask for any additional document/proof, in addition to above, at his/her discretion.

ANNEX I

To be filled in quadruplicate (4-copies)

NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE

To,

The Marriage Officer,
Embassy of India
Bogota, Colombia

We hereby give you notice that marriage under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969 is intended to be solemnized between us within six calendar months from the date hereof:

NAME/ FATHER'S NAME	CONDITION (MARITAL STATUS)	OCCUPATION	AGE (DATE OF BIRTH)	PRESENT DWELLING PLACE	PERMANENT DWELLING PLACE IF PRESENT DWELLING PLACE NOT PERMANENT	LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THE PRESENT DWELLING PLACE
Mr.	<u>UNMARRIED</u> <u>WIDOWER</u> <u>DIVORCEE</u>			TEL NO: (O) (R) Email		
S/O						
					TEL NO	
Miss.	<u>UNMARRIED</u> <u>WIDOWER</u> <u>DIVORCEE</u>			TEL NO: (O) (R) Email		
D/O						
					TEL NO	

Witness our hands this _____ day of _____

Signature of the Bridegroom _____
Bride _____

Signature _____ of _____ the

ANNEX II

To,
The Marriage Officer
Embassy of India
Bogota, Colombia

Sir / Madam,

I _____, son / daughter of _____, holder of Indian / _____
passport number _____, do hereby inform the following in connection with my intended marriage with

- (I) I ordinarily reside in the country _____
- (II) I belong to _____ (state) of India (for the Indian party)
- (III) The present full address, including country name, postal code and name of state of my parents are as below:

(a) Father _____

Email of father _____

(b) Mother _____

Email of mother _____

Signature -

Date -

ANNEX III

After submission of notice of intended marriage, advertisement is to be published by the individuals in local English newspaper (If there is no local English newspaper, then in the newspaper of the main language of residence of the individual) as well as English newspaper in the place of permanent residence indicated in the passport in India/concerned country. Text of advertisement is as under:

Mr. _____ holder of (name of country) Passport No. _____ and Miss _____ holder of (name of country) Passport No. _____ intend getting married at the Embassy of India, Bogota under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969 of India. Objections, if any, may be conveyed to the Embassy of India, Bogota within 30 days.

All the particulars must be filled in as per the passports. Original full page of the newspapers in which the advertisements were published should be presented to Consular officer within 30 days of submission of notice of intended marriage.

ANNEX IV

[(To be filled in duplicate (2 Copies))]

EMBASSY OF INDIA
BOGOTA
DECLARATION BY THE BRIDEGROOM

I, _____ S/o _____
_____, holder of Indian/ _____ Passport No. _____ issued at
_____ on _____ hereby declare as follows:

1. I am at present time unmarried (or widower or divorcee as the case may be).
2. I have completed _____ years of age.
3. I am not related to _____ within degrees _____ of prohibited relationship.
4. I am a citizen of India / _____
5. I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, I am liable to imprisonment and also fine.

(BRIDEGROOM)

DECLARATION BY THE BRIDE

I, _____ D/o _____
_____, holder of Indian/ _____ Passport
No. _____ Issued at _____ on _____
hereby declare as follows:

1. I am at present time unmarried (or widower or divorcee as the case may be).
2. I have completed _____ years of age.
3. I am not related to _____ within the degrees of prohibited relationship.
4. I am a citizen of India/ _____.
5. I am aware that, if any statement in the declaration is false, I am liable to Imprisonment and also to fine.

(BRIDE)

Signed _____ in our presence by _____ the above named _____
_____ so far as we are aware there is no lawful impediment to the
marriage.

Witnesses

Sl No.	Name	Passport No	Date Issue	of	Place Issue	of	Signatures

Countersigned
Marriage Officer

ANNEX V

Sworn Affidavit [To be filled in duplicate (2 copies)]

EMBASSY OF INDIA, BOGOTA

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

I _____, aged _____ years, residing in _____, holder of Indian passport No. _____, issued at _____ on _____, hereby make oath and state as follows:

1. That I intend to marry Mr./Ms. _____, holder of _____ Passport No. _____ issued at _____ on _____, of my own free will.
2. That I am single/divorced/widow/widower (to be typed or hand written)
3. As per entry in the spouse column on the last page or any page of my current Passport No. _____, I am not married/divorced as of today, i.e. _____.
4. I understand that I am liable to be prosecuted, if this affidavit or any part of it is in anyway found to be incorrect or false. I further affirm that this affidavit is true, that it conceals nothing and no part of it is false.

Place:

Date: _____ (Thumb Impression/ Signature of the Deponent)

Sworn at the Embassy of India, Bogota on this day, the _____ by Mr./Ms. _____, who made his/her signature before me at Bogota. He/She has been identified by his/her passport No. _____ issued at _____ on _____.

The Embassy of India, Bogota does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of the statements made in this affidavit.

No. _____

Date: _____

To,

The Marriage Officer
Embassy of India
Bogota

Sub: Registration of marriage under Section 17 of Foreign Marriage Act, 1969.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I, _____, son / daughter of
_____, holder of Indian Passport No. _____,
currently residing at _____, got married to Mr. / Ms.
_____, a _____
national, on _____ at _____. I wish to get our
marriage registered under Section 17 of the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969.

2. It is requested that a Certificate of Registration of Marriage may kindly be issued to me. Copies of our respective Passports and marriage certificate (already solemnized in Colombia) are enclosed.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Passport No. _____

Date: _____
