

## **DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR A WEDDING IN KENYA**

The documentation outlined below will be required for your wedding in Kenya. **PLEASE NOTE TH COMPLETE AND CLEAR PHOTOCOPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TRAVEL.** Fax copies are **not** accepted.

It is **CRITICAL** that you forward copies of documents **NO LATER** than 8 weeks prior to departure. documents are not received by this deadline we may not have time to complete the necess arrangements.

### **A. PLEASE RETURN CHECK LIST WITH ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

- o **Passport**, minimum 6 months validity
- o **Birth Certificates**. (both short and long certificates are acceptable)
- o **Full Address of residence of both you and your partner**
- o **Details of Occupation of both you and your partner**
- o **Fathers names** (Full names, address and occupation)
- o **If either you or your partner is divorced**: Proof of the Decree Absolute is required. **This document must show the Court stamp clearly.**
- o **If either you or your partner is widowed**: The former marriage certificate and death certificate of the spouse is required
- o **If either you or your partner has changed your name by deed poll**: Proof is required that th procedure was followed and completed.
- o **If either you or your partner are under 21 years of age on the date of your marriage, an will not be accompanied by a parent or guardian**: An affidavit, granting permission for the wedding to be prepared and sworn in your country of residence, prior to your date of travel.
- o **If either you or your partner have been adopted**: Adoption papers need to be produced.
- o **An affidavit must be provided *stating that neither you or your partner has been married previously, or you have been married and divorced(see above if divorced or widowed)*. This must be prepared in your country of residence prior to travel.**
- o Any relevant documentation you hold which is in any language other than English must be officia translated and be accompanied by the original.
- o Dutch Couples must first apply to the Dutch Council for clearance to wed

**PLEASE REMEMBER: ORIGINAL COPIES** of all the relevant documents above must be taken with you to Kenya.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:** You must be resident in Kenya for two working days before you can apply for a license. We would recommend that you spend a 3-4 days before the ceremony so that arrangements can be made comfortably.

**CEREMONY DETAILS:** Ceremonies are arranged Mondays to Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) an are conducted by a Registrar. The following days are excluded:

- o Good Friday
- o Easter Monday
- o Christmas Day
- o New Year's Day.
- o All Kenyan Public Holidays
- o Between 20<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

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