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Legal Requirements

DOCUMENTATION:

It is highly recommended for all documents to be received at least 60 days prior to your wedding ceremony. A late application fee of \$200 USD will apply if documents are submitted between 2-4 weeks before the wedding date.

Brides and Grooms: Jamaican law requires that the couple must be at least 18 years of age and staying at the resort for 3 days prior to the ceremony. The additional cost of \$350 USD will be required for the minister/judge & marriage license.

Clear NOTARIZED copies of the below documents must be submitted in order to hold your ceremony on property:

- Birth Certificate
- Divorce decree (if applicable). Please note that <u>ALL</u> pages of the Divorce decree are required.
- Death certificate (if applicable)
- Photo ID or Passport
- Deed Poll (if applicable) if you have had your name changed. All pages required.
- Jamaica Legal Wedding Form. Please inquire with wedding coordinator for this form.

*The documents listed above must be notarized <u>within</u> 6 months of your wedding in Jamaica. If documents are not in English, a translation is required.

For a **Vow Renewal** or **Symbolic Ceremony**, a clear copy of your marriage certificate must be sent in advance and brought with you to destination.

Please send to the hotel via FEDEX or DHL only:

Royalton Blue Waters Highway A1 Mountain Spring, Trelawny Jamaica Attention: Weddings Department 1-876-371-0064 **Note:** There is no postal code or zip code to this address

Please ensure that all original legal documents are brought with you to destination.

Marriage Procedure for Jamaica

The group wedding coordinator will apply for the marriage license from the Jamaican government, who will in turn issue the certificate once the ceremony, has taken place. The minister will give you a temporary certificate following the ceremony; this certificate will not allow you to update name on documents, rather you must wait for the official certificate.

Marriage Certificate for Jamaica

Approximately 14-16 weeks following the ceremony the resort will forward your marriage certificate (2 copies) to you. Marriage certificates can be expedited at an additional cost of \$85 USD for the USA and \$110 USD for other countries. If interested, this must be requested and paid for prior to your arrival at the resort. It should take about 5-7 business days to receive it in the USA. If you would like to obtain extra copies of your marriage certificate, you can do so at \$25 USD each. Please advise your wedding coordinator.

To request a copy of your marriage certificate after you have left Jamaica, please contact:

The Registrar General Department Twickenham Park Spanish Town, St. Catherine Jamaica, W.I. Fax: 876-749-6458 Telephone: 876-984-3041-5 http://www.rgd.gov.jm

In Case of Error

If there is an error on your Marriage Certificate, both originals must be sent back to our wedding department with a letter stating the error and the correction, along with copies of the birth certificates. The process will take 12-16 weeks.

Marriage Legal Standing in the USA & Commonwealth

Marriages performed in and according to the laws of Jamaica are legally valid in the United States and Commonwealth countries. It is not usually necessary to register your marriage in your respective state; it should be sufficient to present your Jamaican marriage certificate as needed for name changes etc. For more specific questions, please contact the Office of the Attorney General in your state.

Marriage Legal Standing in Europe

It is not required for British citizens to have an additional certification of their marriage. For citizens of Germany, Belgium and Italy, an extra certification (\$100 USD fee) is necessary. We are required to forward the marriage certificate to the Foreign Affairs Office and the respective consular offices of both countries. This process may delay the receipt of the marriage certificate.