

# Legal Requirements

## Wedding Requirements for a legal Marriage in Dominican Republic

We require the couple to be in destination 3 days prior to the wedding date for symbolic ceremonies and 3 full business days prior for legal ceremonies.

### Important Info:

All weddings booked at Royalton Punta Cana will initially be booked as a Symbolic wedding ceremony due to the limited number of judges in Punta Cana who service all hotels. This is standard practice among the area hotels as the notary will only confirm your wedding date closer to your actual wedding date. We certainly don't want you to have to hold off on planning and sending out those invites!! Please do not worry at all! If the judge is not available on your wedding date or at the particular time we've schedule for your ceremony, we will have the legal paperwork done at a separate time during your stay! We promise it will not have any effect on the ceremony.

**Brides and Grooms:** Please remember, you will both need to arrive 3 days before the wedding! *The additional cost of \$1,050 USD will be required for the judge and marriage license.*

The following is documentation required by the Dominican Law in order to get married in the Dominican Republic:

- Original and one copy of Single Status Affidavit\*, notarized at your place of residency (Bride and Groom, one for each), **showing names as they appear on your passports.**
- Birth Certificate of bride and groom (two copies). If parents' names are not shown on the certificates, please indicate them separately for us. (If passports are not ready on time to be sent with your documents, you can send copies of your drivers licenses, if so, remember to bring the originals with the rest of the documentation when traveling to the Dominican Republic.)
- Passport photocopies of the witnesses. Witnesses cannot be blood-related family members (if you do not have witnesses, the hotel will provide them)
- Name change document, if name has been changed (including divorcees who had reverted back to maiden name).

**Note:** Except for Canadian citizens, apostilles are required on all official documents. An apostille is also required on the Notary's signature for each single status form. All required documents must be translated and legalized before arriving to the Dominican Republic. Please ensure that you bring

*ALL original documents and legalized translations with you personally to the resort.*

The documents should be legalized by the Dominican Consulate no later than 3 months prior to the wedding date and it is the couple's responsibility to have all the documentation ready before the wedding date, as required.

**The Judge is an outside service provided by the Dominican government, the hotel cannot be held responsible for any delay or alteration.** The Judge will duly register your Wedding Certificate at the Central Civil Board; Royalton Punta Cana will then send the wedding certificate to the couple, by courier once we receive the certificate (this procedure may take 3 - 12 months after the wedding).

We highly recommend that you use Wedding Documentation (WE DO) for a quick and reliable translation and legalization service of your paper work (Isabel is fantastic!!). Their contact details are as follows:

Mrs. Isabel Gonzalez  
281 850 4405  
isagon@wedo.com.do or wedoweddingdocs@gmail.com  
Wedding Documentation  
1619 Cottage Landing Lane  
Houston, Texas  
77077  
<http://www.wedo.com.do/>

When sending your documents to WE DO, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope to mail your documents back.

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### Example of single status declaration:

It must read as follows:

#### SINGLE STATUS AFFIDAVIT/SWORN DECLARATION

I, [full name as in passport], DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT:

- I am [full name as in passport], born as [name as it appears in Birth Certificate] on [date of birth] in [place of birth].

- I am a (citizenship) citizen with passport No: who resides at [full address]

- I intend to marry [full name as in passport] at the [hotel name] in [city], Dominican Republic on [month and year of marriage]

- I am single and have never been married before. To the best of my knowledge and belief there is no legal impediment or other lawful cause to prevent me from getting married

- The names of my parents are, Mother and, Father.

I make this Solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Full name as in passport)

DECLARED before me

This \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

As a Notary Public (Commissioner)

IF DIVORCED, PLEASE INDICATE "single, divorced since (date your divorce was final). To the best of my..." DATE THE DIVORCE WAS FINAL, FILE/RECORD NUMBER, AND NAME OF THE JUDGE. Please include two copies of divorce decree with your documents.

IF WIDOW-WIDOWER, PLEASE INDICATE "single, widow/widowed since (date as appears on the death certificate). To the best of my knowledge and belief there is no legal impediment or ..." Please include two copies of death certificate with your documents.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: As much as we don't want to, Royalton Resort reserves the right to NOT celebrate the wedding if your legal documents are incorrect and not accepted by the judge (due to not following the correct procedures to arrange the legal requirements). Please ask us any clarifying questions, or call WE DO!\*\*\*.**