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How to Complete Your Affidavit of Single Status

Proof You Are Free to Marry — for Weddings Abroad and Foreign Authorities

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR AFFIDAVIT OF SINGLE STATUS.

About this form. Many countries (for example, Mexico, the Philippines, Italy, and others) require proof that you are single and legally free to marry before they will perform your wedding. This sworn affidavit states your marital history and freedom to marry. Most countries also require it to be **notarized and apostilled**, and some require a translation. **First Choice handles both the notarization and the California apostille.**

1. **Check the country's requirements first**
   Ask the consulate, embassy, or wedding venue what they require: some have their own form, a time limit (for example, issued within 3–6 months), a translation, or a government record instead of an affidavit.
2. **Fill in your details exactly as on your passport**
   Names, dates, and passport number must match your passport. Include your intended spouse and wedding location if known.
3. **Mark your marital history**
   Never married, divorced (with court details), or widowed (with date of death). Bring copies of your divorce decree or the death certificate — many countries ask for them too.
4. **Sign under oath in front of a notary**
   The notary will place you under oath and complete the jurat. Do **not** sign ahead of time. Bring your passport or another government-issued photo ID. We come to you.
5. **Get the apostille**
   After notarization, the California Secretary of State attaches an apostille so the affidavit is recognized abroad. **We can handle the apostille for you — ask when you book.**
6. **Get a translation if required**
   Some countries require a certified translation of the affidavit and apostille. Check before you travel.

Good to Know

- A false statement in this affidavit is perjury, and could invalidate your marriage.
- Some countries will not accept an affidavit and instead require a record search or certificate from the county or state.
- Order early: allow time for notarization, apostille, translation, and shipping before your wedding date.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SINGLE STATUS

Sworn Statement of Marital Status and Freedom to Marry

State of California)

County of _____) ss.

I, the undersigned affiant, being first duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

1. Identity.

_____ _____ _____

(full legal name, exactly as on passport) (date of birth) (place of birth)

_____ _____ _____

(citizenship) (passport number) (occupation)

_____

(residence address, city, state, ZIP)

2. Marital status. I am currently single and not married to anyone. My marital history is (mark one):

☐ I have never been married.

☐ I was previously married and that marriage ended by divorce or annulment:

_____ _____ _____

(former spouse's name) (date final) (court, county, state, case number)

☐ I am a widow or widower:

_____ _____ _____

(late spouse's name) (date of death) (place of death)

If I had more than one prior marriage, each is listed on an attached page, signed by me.

3. Freedom to marry. I am not now married or in a registered domestic partnership with anyone, I am of legal age, and I know of no legal impediment to my marriage. I am legally free to marry.

4. Intended marriage (if known):

_____ _____ _____

(full name of intended spouse) (intended spouse's citizenship) (country and city of marriage)

5. I make this affidavit to establish my single status and legal capacity to marry, and I understand it may be relied on by civil, consular, and religious authorities. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ , at _____

(date) (city and state)

_____ _____

(signature of affiant) (printed name of affiant)

Sign only in front of the notary, who will place you under oath and complete the jurat on the next page.

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JURAT

For use abroad, an apostille from the California Secretary of State may be attached after notarization.

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)

County of _____)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____

by _____

(name(s) of signer(s))

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Seal)

Signature _____