

Required Legal Paperwork

Greek Government requires a number of legal documents in order for foreigner nationals to get married in Greece. Blue Lagoon Group has gathered the information and is presenting it to you. The below information corresponds to couples that are from the UK.

Step 1:

Standard documentation required prior to the wedding:

- Photocopies of your passports. Valid 10 year British Passports (must have six months remaining to your date of return)
- Full birth certificate (both parties).
- Certificate of non impediment to marriage (both parties). Local Registrar will be able to provide you with these documents and you will need about a month for it to be issued. **Important note: It must not be issued more than 3 months before the day of your wedding.**

Additional Documents are required if:

- Divorced: Decree absolute
- Names have been changed: Deed poll
- Adopted: Adoption certificates
- Widow/widower: Late partner's death certificates.
- If under 18: a Statutory declaration of consent off a parent or guardian, signed and stamped by a solicitor

Step 2:

Before sending the above mentioned documents to Kos, they all need to be certified (all originals, not copies) by the British Legalization office (come in contact with your Ministry of Foreign Affairs) with the Hague Apostille Seal. The stamp is needed for every document mentioned earlier for the authentication of the documents.

Legalization Department of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office:

www.fco.gov.uk

Legalisation Department
Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Norfolk House West
437 Silbury Boulevard

Milton Keynes

MK9 2AH

Step 3:

Once legalized, all documents must be translated by an approved translator. You may forward all documents via registered post to Blue Lagoon Group for translation along with the two copies of your passport. This service is available to all couples getting married with us. The procedure of translating your documents through us eliminates the cost of having the translation verified at the Greek Embassy afterwards.

For the translations of the Birth Certificates as well as the Certificates of no Impediment to Marriage, the cost will be €200. For any additional document required to be translated the charge is €25 per document.

Important Notes:

- Please note that all legalized original documents as well as the translated copies must be taken to Kos Town Hall for processing.
- The Marriage Certificate will also need to be translated to English upon return to the UK.
- Original paperwork will be retained by the Greek Registrar.