

A foreign authority may request that you present a marriage license before the wedding.

A marriage license is a personal document that shows that you have the right to marry. This means that if you are two Swedish citizens who wish to be married by a foreign authority, each party needs to present their own marriage license.

If you are a Swedish citizen and registered in Sweden, you should apply for a marriage license at the Swedish Tax Agency by filling in the form "Äktenskapscertifikat, ansökan och försäkran" (SKV 7881).

If you are a Swedish citizen but resident abroad, you should instead contact the nearest Swedish Embassy or consulate.

If you are registered in Sweden but not a Swedish citizen, you can present a "personbevis" documenting the specific civil status.

Requirements for Marriage in the UAE for a Swedish National not living in Sweden

If the man and woman are Christians and would like to get married in the UAE, the couple has the option to get married in front of The Norwegian Seamen Center in Dubai or in front of any authorized Church. CIVIL marriage now can be conducted in the Abu Dhabi civil status court. For more information please visit [Non Muslim Family Court \(adjd.gov.ae\)](#) or [Marriage - The Official Portal of the UAE Government](#)

Couples residing in UAE, Bahrain, and Kuwait need to apply for a marriage license at the Swedish Embassy - Abu Dhabi.

The couple should be present at the Embassy or the consulate with the following requirements:

- The original Passports.
- A Civil Status Certificate issued by the Local Authorities in UAE, Bahrain, or Kuwait (Civil Status Court) in order to prove your civil status and a new personbevis from the Swedish Tax Agency.
The Civil Status court in Abu Dhabi can issue the civil status certificate for non-Muslims and requires two witnesses to be present with the applicant. The Dubai court DOES not issue a civil status certificate for non-Muslims, if you are residing in Dubai you can apply for a entry and exit certificate from the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs www.gdrfad.gov.ae , this certificate will show your current civil status registration in the UAE.
- A letter / a certificate or a marriage license from the Embassy of your fiancée (for non-Swedish nationals) proving that her/his civil status is single.

Marriage in front of Swedish Church abroad for a Swedish Nationals living out of Sweden

If the man and woman are Christians and residents of UAE, Bahrain and Kuwait and would like to get married in front of a Swedish Church abroad, the couple should apply to obtain certificate of no impediment (*bindersprövning*) at the Swedish Embassy - Abu Dhabi.

The couple should be present at the Embassy or the consulate with the following requirements:

- The original Passports.
- A Civil Status Certificate issued by the Local Authorities in UAE, Bahrain, or Kuwait (Civil Status Court) in order to prove your civil status and a new personbevis from the Swedish Tax Agency.
The Civil Status court in Abu Dhabi can issue the civil status certificate for non-Muslims and requires two witnesses to be present with the applicant. The Dubai court DOES not issue a civil status certificate for non-Muslims, if you are residing in Dubai you can apply for an entry and exit certificate from the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs www.gdrfad.gov.ae, this certificate will show your current civil status registration in the UAE.
- A letter / a certificate or a marriage license from the Embassy of your fiancée (for non-Swedish nationals) proving that her/his civil status is single.

For more information about marriage with Swedish Church abroad please see the below link.

[Gifta sig utomlands - Svenska kyrkan](#)

Marriage in front of Swedish Embassy abroad for a Swedish Nationals living out of Sweden

If a Swedish man or woman are would like to get married in front of a Swedish Embassy abroad, any couple residing in UAE, Bahrain and Kuwait should apply to obtain a certificate of no impediment (*hindersprövning*) at the Swedish Embassy - Abu Dhabi.

The couple should be present at the Embassy or the consulate with the following requirements:

- The original Passports.
- A Civil Status Certificate issued by the Local Authorities in UAE, Bahrain or Kuwait (Civil Status Court) in order to prove your civil status and a new personbevis from the Swedish Tax Agency.
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- A letter / a certificate or a marriage license from the Embassy of your fiancée (for non-Swedish nationals) proving that her/his civil status is single.

For more information about Swedish Embassies authorized to preform marriage ceremonies please see the link below.

[Giftna sig utomlands - Sweden Abroad](#)

Marriage in front of Swedish Authority in Sweden for a Swedish Nationals lives abroad

If a Swedish man or woman are would like to get married in front of a Swedish authority in Sweden, the couple should apply to obtain certificate of no impediment (*hindersprövning*) at the Swedish Tax Agency in Sweden.

Marriage in the Courts of the UAE

If you're a Swedish Muslim man or woman and would like to be married under the Sharia law in the UAE, please see below:

General requirements

- In Dubai, at least one party to the marriage contract (husband, wife, or wife's guardian) should have a residence visa in the UAE. In the other emirates, both bride and groom must be UAE residents.
- A positive pre-marital screening certificate for the couple issued from the Ministry of Health and Prevention

Islamic marriage (Sharia marriage)

- Both the groom and the bride a Muslims.
- The groom is Muslim, and the bride is from Scripturaries, such as Christian.

While the law permits a Muslim man to marry a non-Muslim woman, it does not allow a Muslim woman to marry a non-Muslim man without proof of his conversion to Islam.

Requirements for Muslim marriages:

- Marriage contract needs to be registered in a Sharia court in the UAE.
- Legal age for marriage is 18, otherwise a judge's approval is required.
- A groom's age cannot be twice the bride, otherwise the judge's approval is required.
- A premarital health certificate is needed.
- The physical presence of the couple is required.
- Attendance of the bride's father or his representative and two male Muslim witnesses are required.
- Written Consent of the bride's guardian should be presented.
- In case of father's death, the presence of the next closest male guardian i.e. elder brother is required.
- Divorced and widowed women must produce documentary evidence of their status.
- If the bride is Muslim and her father is not, she needs a 'No Objection' letter from her embassy or consulate.

If both the woman and the man are Christians, these rules do not apply.

Marriage Registration in Sweden

When the Marriage contract is ready it must be legalized by both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the UAE and then by the Embassy of Sweden in Abu Dhabi in order for the marriage to be registered in Sweden. For more information about the marriage registration please get in touch with the Sweden Tax Agency +46 771 567567 or skatteverket@skatteverket.se