



## **Wedding License Requirements for Curaçao Netherlands Antilles**

Santa Barbara Beach & Golf Resort Curaçao will help you through the legal process, to get you one step closer to your perfect destination wedding!

**PLEASE NOTE ALL DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE HANDED IN TO THE CIVIL REGISTRY AT A MINIMUM OF TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING**

### **Steps: Documentation Process/ Requirements for Curacao's Civil Registry**

- Send a cover letter addressed to the civil registry as a marriage petition with your wish to get married. Letter should state:
  - Desire to get married in Curaçao
  - Name of the hotel with date and time of the wedding
  - Bridal couples name and signatures with copies of passports
- Six witnesses must be present for the actual on location ceremony. Please inform the wedding manger if it will be just the two of you and we will be more than happy to offer you six witnesses from the Resort. All witnesses must provide:
  - Copies of theirs passports or drivers licenses
  - Must be older than 21 years of age
- Original documents of the below need to be presented with the proper certified Apostille seal, or legalized by the Dutch Council Embassy (Civil Registry) in your country and documents shouldn't be older than one year.
  - Original Birth certificates of the couple bearing the signature of the State Registrar and can be obtained at the Division of Vital Statistics
  - Single Paper of the couple notarized (unmarried status) by the civil registry
  - Certified copy of the divorce decree (if applicable) or if you need a certificate stating that you did not remarry after your divorce or after you became a widow (er).

- After all documents are sent to the civil registry in Curaçao, they will follow up by sending a mail approving your request for getting married. When you arrive to the island a cash payment of \$307.58 will need to be paid to the civil registry in Antillean guilders in the amount of 547.50.
- Please keep a photocopy of all the documents you are sending for your records.

**Please send all your documents to:**

Civil Register Office (Kranshi)

Attention: Head of the Marriage Department

Roodeweg # 42, Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles

Tel (599-9-) 4341627 - (599-9-) 4341628 - (599-9-) 4341600- Fax (599-9-) 4618166

[www.registrocivil.com](http://www.registrocivil.com)

**Helpful Hints & Definitions**

**\*Single Paper**

This is a statement written individually by the Groom and the Bride indicating that they are single and/or divorced and that they were never married and/or remarried. Both statements should be notarized and certified with an \*Apostille seal.

**\*Long Form Birth Certificate**

This is a birth certificate that indicates detailed information about the birth of the child along with information concerning the birth parents.

For example, it may indicate the date and time of birth along with the name and occupation of both birth parents. In the United States, most people are issued the short form birth certificate. It may indicate the date and time of birth along with the name and occupation of both parents.

**\*Apostille Seal**

An Apostille Seal is a country's certification that a document is authentic. In the United States, each state can provide an Apostille seal for notarized and official documents, or legalized by the Dutch council Embassy in your country.

**Process After Civil Marriage**

Once your Civil Marriage has been performed you will receive your marriage certificate. The civil registry requires the couple to return back to the registry 2 business days after the wedding to receive your wedding certificate with an Apostille Seal that states that your Marriage Certificate is authentic; they charge a fee for this. Once you have this document you can get it translated in English via local translator on island.

We understand that this is a difficult process to undergo especially if this is your first time on the island.

Therefore we can provide you with the translating service for \$350 which includes the translation in English, the payment for Apostille Seal (twice) and for shipment back to your country.