



REQUIREMENTS TO GET MARRIED IN PUERTO RICO

So you finally decided to take the next step in making your relationship official. But before you can say “I do” in our paradise, there are a couple of things you should know.

- **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

To get married in Puerto Rico you don't need to be a resident or an American citizen; the only requirement is your desire to get married in our enchanted island.

- **MARRIAGE LICENSE**

A marriage license is required and must be requested in writing. Both the bride and groom must appear in person at the time of applying for the license.

- **LABORATORY TESTS**

A VDRL blood test performed by a federally certified laboratory is crucial for the marriage process. You can have these tests performed at your local lab within 10 days prior to the wedding. A doctor in Puerto Rico will then review the results and sign the license.

- **AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

A quick visit to the Demographic Registry and \$30 worth of license stamps gets your license authenticated. You are now ready to say I do to your better half.

- **IDENTIFICATIONS**

Don't forget to bring valid photo identification or your passports.

- **OTHER CERTIFICATES**

If you have been divorced or are a widower, please bring the corresponding certificates.

- **RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL CEREMONIES**

For your marriage to be legal, it must be performed either by a registered minister, judge or authorized clergyman.

Where to obtain a marriage license

All marriage licenses in Puerto Rico are expedited by the Demographic Registry, and that actually eliminates worry since it's a one-stop shop. You can contact them by phone or mail regarding any doubts you may have on obtaining your marriage license or certificate.

Tel. **787-767-9120**.

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