

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING MARITAL STATUS

婚 姻 宣 誓 書

Taiwan
City of Kaohsiung
American Institute in
Taiwan, Kaohsiung Office } ss:

Before me, _____, Special Notary (PL96-8) of the Consular Section, American Institute in Taiwan, Kaohsiung Office, duly appointed and qualified, personally appeared _____ who, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

我，本人在美國在台協會高雄辦事處公證官員前，親自做以下的宣誓：

(The American citizen should complete the following information)

(美國公民必須填妥下列資料)

Full Name 姓名 _____

Place of Birth 出生地點 _____

Date of Birth 出生日期 _____

U.S. Passport No. 美國護照號碼 _____

U.S. Passport Place of Issue 美國護照發照地點 _____

U.S. Passport Date of Issue 美國護照發照日期 _____

I have: 我本人 never been married 從未結過婚 divorced 離過婚

My spouse is deceased 配偶已過世

and I am presently legally free to marry. And further deponent saith not.

僅此聲明我目前是單身，可自由結婚。

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of _____

西元(月/日/年)，做此宣誓聲明

/seal/

Special Notary (PL96-8) of the
Consular Section, American
Institute in Taiwan, Kaohsiung Office

Congratulations on your marriage!

Once this affidavit notarized by our office, this Affidavit must then be authenticated by the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For southern of Taiwan you may visit the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Southern Taiwan Office at 2F, No. 436, Cheng Kong 1st Road, Kaohsiung City
外交部南部辦事處, 高雄市成功一路 436 號 2 樓 Tel: (07) 211-0605 or **Southwest Taiwan (Yunlin, Chiayi & Tainan) Joint Services Center at 2F, No. 184, Wufeng N. Rd., Chiayi City** 外交部雲嘉南辦事處, 嘉義市吳鳳北路 184 號 2 樓 Tel: (05) 222-7009.

Effective May 23, 2008, registration of a marriage at the Household Registration Bureau Office (HHR) constitutes a performed marriage. The date of the registration at HHR office is the effective date of the marriage. The HHR Office's printed record of the marriage constitutes official evidence of the marriage. However, the HHR office can also issue a "Marriage Certificate" in both Chinese and English for a fee of NT\$100, if requested.

Taiwan nationals must register their marriage at their own regional HHR office(s). If both parties are foreigners, they may choose any HHR office. The couple must go to the HHR office with passports; ARC (if applicable); and a prepared written marriage agreement between the two parties, which has already been signed by two adult witnesses (witnesses do not need to appear at the HHR office).

Marriages performed by Notaries Public at a District Court are not final legal marriages until they are registered at the HHR Office. In other words, couples who use the District Court must also register the marriage at the HHR office in order for the marriage to be completed under Taiwan law. The Notary Public can only issue a "Certificate of Notary Public," and cannot issue a "Marriage Certificate." The official date of the marriage under Taiwan law will be the date that the couple registered it with the Household Registration Bureau.

Some couples choose to purchase stylized blank marriage certificates from book stores or download them from the internet and complete them themselves. These can be beautiful mementos, but the HHR record printout and/or the HHR-issued marriage certificate are the official evidence of marriage.

For more information visit the Department of Household Registration website at: www.ris.gov.tw. This site lists the addresses of HHR offices by region and city.

All U.S. states have their own laws concerning marriage and all states generally recognize marriages performed outside of their jurisdiction, provided that the marriage was in compliance with the laws of the place in which it was performed. Since the requirements for legal marriage differ from state to state, U.S. citizens should contact their state for more information about how a foreign marriage will be treated in their state.

For more information visit the Taiwan Department of Civil Affairs web site at: www.moi.gov.tw. If you are interested in obtaining a U.S. immigrant visa for your spouse, please visit <http://www.ait.org.tw/en/i-130-petitions.html> & <http://uscis.gov>.