

PROCEDURE FOR AN INDIAN NATIONAL WISH TO MARRY IN KUWAIT,
UNDER THE FOREIGN MARRIAGE ACT, 1969

1. One of the two individuals intending to marry each other, one
 - Should be an Indian national;
 - Should be resident of Kuwait.
2. Both of them are required to submit a “Notice of Intended Marriage” on prescribed form, in person, to the Marriage Officer.
3. They are required to bring the following documents with them when they approach the Marriage Officer for submission of “Notice of Intended Marriage”:
 - Original Passport;
 - Copies of the passport and Civil Identity Card;
 - 4 Photographs (each party)
 - Certificate of Bachelorhood/single status/eligibility to get married issued by a competent court/SDM having jurisdiction of the area of the residential address of the applicant, which is to be attested by the Home Department of the State concerned & Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi or the concerned MEA Branch Secretariat.
 - In case, one of the individual is a national of other country, no objection from his/her Embassy. (Attested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait)
4. Consular fees of KD 16.000 to be paid at the counter at the time of submission of notice of intended marriage;
5. To collect a copy of “NOTICE’ from the Embassy for publication in a local newspapers and an Indian newspapers (published from their place of permanent residence);
6. To publish the Notice in the same format in the newspaper in Kuwait and in India (in the place of their permanent residence) and in the third country in case one of the party is a national of another country (in his/her country of permanent residence), as the case may be;
7. To submit original copy of the clipping from the newspapers in which the Notice was published, to the Embassy;
8. To approach the marriage officer, to fix the date and time for the ceremony of the marriage;
9. The marriage can be solemnized after at least 30 days from the date of last publication of the notice in the newspapers.
10. On the day of the ceremony of marriage, both the individuals are required to present with their passport and three Indian nationals, as witnesses to their marriage, with a copy of their passport and civil identity cards;
11. They are required to submit a prescribed affidavit declaring themselves as free to marry and a declaration accepting each other as their spouse;
12. They are required to pay the consular fee of KD 16.000.
13. The Marriage Officer after satisfying himself that all the documents are in order will issue a marriage certificate.
14. Original marriage certificate will be handed over only after addition of spouse name in passport.

Please note in Divorce Cases:

- Divorce decree issued in India, it should be attested by the Home department of the State where the decree has been issued, and MEA (Ministry of External Affairs), New Delhi or the concerned MEA Branch Secretariat.
- Divorce decree issued in the State of Kuwait, its legal English translation, attested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Ministry of Justice needs to be submitted for consideration.
- Divorce decree issued in a 3rd country, its legal English translation, attested by their Foreign Office and Indian Mission there or MOFA (in case of a foreign national) needs to be submitted for consideration.