



# Getting Legally Married in Cuba!

## **If you are getting married to a Canadian citizen or a person who's not Cuban:**

- **If you are single:** Valid Passport
- **If you are divorced:** Valid Passport, Divorce Certificate
- **If you are widower:** Valid Passport, Marriage Certificate and Death Certificate

These are general requirements, you have to confirm first with your wedding coordinator in Cuba at the resort or the Notary at the International Law Office the documents you have to submit or if you need any additional document.

In the case of the foreign documents you have to obtain a letter from the Consulate or Embassy of your country of birth stating that the document was issued according to the regulations of the government and the documents can be considered valid. This document must show the name, signature, stamp and position of the official at the foreign Embassy or Consulate. Same process must be done with any other document issued in foreign countries (by no Canadian authorities).

These ceremonies are hold at the International Law Office or in a resort.

**For the Marriage in Cuba, passports don't have to be translated nor legalized.**

If you are divorced and your divorce took effect more than two years ago, get in contact with your wedding coordinator in Cuba at the resort or the Notary at the International Law Office and confirm if you need an Affidavit of Single Status.

Your full name has to match in every document. If it doesn't, get in contact with your wedding coordinator in Cuba at the resort or the Notary at the International Law Office.

The Affidavit of Single Status and the Affidavit of Identity can be done in the same document. The Affidavit has to be issued within 6 months

If you got married in Cuba and got divorced in Canada it is not enough to present a Divorce Certificate from Canada, you have to register your divorce in front of the Cuban authorities. If this is your case please let us know to inform you how to proceed.

**How to prepare the documents:**

Take the documents and the translations into Spanish to the Legal Department of Global Affairs Canada for authentication. After the authentication, present the documents at the Consulate for legalization.

Documents to take effect in Cuba, need to be legalized by the Cuban Consulate, previously authenticated by the Legal Department of Global Affairs Canada. Check the link below to know more about the requirements for authentication, how to send your documents and the processing time.

[http://www.international.gc.ca/departement-ministere/authentication-authentication\\_documents.aspx?lang=eng](http://www.international.gc.ca/departement-ministere/authentication-authentication_documents.aspx?lang=eng)

**Cost:**

In order to legalize the documents at the Consulate you must present the Legalization Form. The process of legalizations at the Consulate takes from 10 to 15 days. The fee for legalizations is \$ 176.00 CAD per document (each document in English and each document in Spanish as a result of the translation)

If the application is made by a third party, an extra consular fee of \$ 40.00 CAD will be charged for non personal service.

If the application is made by mail, an extra consular fee of \$ 40.00 CAD will be charged for non personal service. A pre-paid safe envelope (with tracking number) must be sent in order to return the documents. The payment must be done by Money order or certified check payable to the CONSULATE GENERAL OF CUBA.

NOTE: All cash sent by mail will be refused and returned at the own risk of the applicant.