





LEGAL ASSISTANCE

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MARRIAGE PROCESS ON OKINAWA

Are you or a fellow Soldier planning on getting married on Okinawa? The Torii Station Legal Assistance Office assists many Soldiers with the marriage process on Okinawa. To marry on Okinawa, be sure to comply with the steps in this document. In Japan, two consenting adults can make their own decision to get married, and that decision is registered as the formality to make it legal – *no ceremony is necessary*!

Step One: Obtain an "**Affidavit for Competency to Marry**." You must sign the affidavit in front of a notary and show the notary your U.S. passport, birth certificate, or U.S.naturalization certificate.

- If the marriage involves only one U.S. Citizen, complete the Single Affidavit for Marriage at https://japan2.usembassy.gov/pdfs/wwwf7114.pdf.
- If the marriage involves two U.S. Citizens, complete the Joint Affidavit at https://japan2.usembassy.gov/pdfs/wwwfjoint.pdf.

Step Two: Complete a "**Kon-in Todoke**" (Japan Notification of Marriage form). The Japan Notification of Marriage forms are available at the City hall. <u>This form needs to be filled out in Japanese</u>, except for the signature blocks</u>. If you are not able to write or understand Japanese, please have the translation office help you with this process when you complete Step Three. Two witnesses over the age of 20 are required. The witnesses do not have to appear in person at City Hall, but if the witnesses are not Japanese, a copy of the witnesses' ID or passport must be provided. You must register your marriage at the City hall closest to you¹.

Step Three: Translate the Affidavit for Competency to Marry and birth/naturalization certificate into Japanese.

There is a fee to obtain the "Certificate of Acceptance of Notification of Marriage." This certificate is legal evidence of a valid marriage and should be translated into English by an official translator.

Items to Bring to City Hall

- 1. Affidavit of Competency to Marry (with Japanese translation).
- 2. Notification of Marriage (Japanese Kon-in Todoke form).
- 3. Military or other DoD ID Card.
- 4. Passport (if none, U.S. birth certificate or U.S. naturalization certificate translated into Japanese).
- 5. ¥350 for regular certificate / ¥1,400 for large certificate.

Complete an immigrant visa application: Non-U.S. spouses and stepchildren may not enter the U.S. without an immigrant visa. If you marry a non-U.S. citizen, immediately complete Part 1 of the immigrant visa application. This packet is available at the Legal Assistance Office on Torii Station.

Income tax returns: If you want to file a joint income tax return with your foreign national spouse, your spouse must apply for an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). This form (W-7) is filed at the same time you file your federal income tax return. You may contact the Torii Station Legal Assistance Office for more information about applying for an ITIN. The Torii Station Legal Assistance Office is located in Room 220, Building 218 (across the street from the Torii Post Office). The phone number is: 315-652-4332/4742.

ⁱ Contact Information for City Hall

Yomitan: 098-982-9200; Okinawa City: 098-939-1212; Kadena; 098-956-1111; Chatan: 098-936-1234

You are highly encouraged to bring a Japanese speaker with you when you present your registration papers in case there are any questions.



OVERSEAS AT OKINAWA, JAPAN)

SINGLE AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE OF:

Jack Edward Smith	, the Ist Ison / □ daughter of
(Applicant's name)	(1st, 2nd, etc.)
John Michael Smith	and
(Father's name)	(Mother's maiden name)
Father's citizenship: U.S.A.	Mother's citizenship: U.S.A.
U.S. address: 123 El Paso Street, Los An	ngeles, California (PO Box not allowed)
Date of birth:	
Place of birth:	
Evidence of citizenship: United States Pas	ssport No. 123456789 issued on Mary 12, 2015,
in Seattle	
Local address: PSC 123 Box 456 APO A	P 96367
	, on this date,)
domicile, I am of legal marriageable age, th	rced , and that there is no hindrance, legal or
Hanako Yamada,	a citizen of
Print Name: Jack Edward Smith	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this da Okinawa, Japan.	ate,, at Torii Station,

Notary

WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES) OVERSEAS AT OKINAWA, JAPAN) JOINT AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE OF:

Male Declarant:	Jack Edward Smith	the _the	son of
	(Groom's name)	(1st, 2nd, etc.)	-
John Michael Sn		ndMary Anne Wilson / U.S.A.	
(Father's name; i	ndicate father's citizenship)	(Mother's maiden name; indicate	mother's citizenship)
U.S. address:	23 El Paso Street, Los Angele	s, California (PO Box not allowed)	
Date of birth:	nuary 6, 1995 Place	of birth: San Francisco, California	
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"Certificate of Acceptance of Notification of Marriage"

This document can only be obtained at the City/Village/Town Hall your marriage was processed. This is legal evidence of a valid marriage and should be translated into English by an official translator.

Only the regular document on the left is required; however, you can get the large document on the right for a memento of your marriage.

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	lights, make a right and head towards the seawall. As you head towards the seawall, make a left at the end of the harbor, then make a right at the first intersection. Go two blocks. It is across from the restaurant American American.
Translates	
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\A/ahaaaaa	Contracts, rental contracts, Real Estate Receipts, Car Estimates, etc.
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	Marriage Documents, Company Policies and Regulations, Lease Agreement, Legal Letter,
	Certificate of Company Registration, D&B Business Credit Reports, Websites, etc.
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City Office Locations

Please take a Marriage Registration Form(Kon In Todoke) where you reside in.

City Office	Area	Phone Number	Address
Urasoe City Office	Camp Kinser	098-876-1234	Urasoe-shi Ahacha1-1-1 http://8761234.jp/
Okinawa City Office	Camp Foster Kadena AB	098-939-1212	Okinawa-shi Nakasone-cho26-1
			http://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/
Ginowan City Office	Camp Foster Camp Butler MCAS Futenma	098-893-4411	Ginowan-shi Nodake1-1-1
			http://www.city.ginowan.okinawa.jp/
Uruma City Office	Camp McTureous Camp Courtney	098-974-3111	Uruma-shi Midori-cho1-1-1
			http://www.city.uruma.lg.jp/
Nago City Office	Camp Schwab	098-053-1212	Nago-shi Minato1-1-1
			http://www.city.nago.okinawa.jp/
Kitanakagusuku Town Office	Camp Foster Camp Butler	098-935-2233	Kitanakagusuku-son Kishaba426-2
	p		http://www.vill.kitanakagusuku.lg.jp/
Chatan Town Office	Camp Foster Camp Lester Kadena AB	098-936-1234	Chatan-cho Kuwae226
			http://www.chatan.jp/
Kadena Town Office	Kadena AB	098-956-1111	Kadena-cho Kadena588
			http://www.town.kadena.okinawa.jp/
Yomitan Town Office	Torii Station	098-982-9200	Yomitan-son Zakimi2901
			http://www.yomitan.jp
Kin Town Office	Camp Hansen	098-968-2111	Kin-cho Kin1
			http://www.town.kin.okinawa.jp/