



U.S. ARMY OKINAWA

★ TORII STATION ★



LEGAL ASSISTANCE

• 652-4332 / 4742 • BUILDING 218, ROOM 220 •

MARRIAGE PROCESS ON OKINAWA

Are you 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 **naturalization certificate**.

- If the marriage involves only one U.S. Citizen, complete the Single Affidavit for Marriage at https://photos.state.gov/libraries/japan/39181/pdfs/wwwf7114_001.pdf.
- If the marriage involves two U.S. Citizens, complete the Joint Affidavit at <https://photos.state.gov/libraries/japan/39181/pdfs/wwwfjoint.pdf>.

Step Two: Complete a “**Kon-in Todoke**” (Japan Notification of Marriage form). The Japan Notification of Marriage forms are available at City hall. This form needs to be filled out in Japanese, except for the signature block. If you are not able to write or understand Japanese, 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 youⁱ.

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

There is a fee of **1,400 Yen** for 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. 1,400 Yen.

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. 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.

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.

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WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES)
) SS:
OVERSEAS AT OKINAWA, JAPAN)

SINGLE AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE OF:

_____, the _____ ☐ son / ☐ daughter of
(Applicant's name) (1st, 2nd, etc.)

_____ and _____
(Father's name) (Mother's maiden name)

Father's citizenship: _____ Mother's citizenship: _____

U.S. address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Evidence of citizenship: _____

Local address: _____

(If previously married: I, _____, was divorced from
_____, on this date, _____)

I, the above-mentioned person being duly sworn, do declare that, according to the laws of my domicile, I am of legal marriageable age, that ☐ **I have not been married before** / ☐ **I have been married before and divorced**, and that there is no hindrance, legal or otherwise, to my uniting in marriage with the female declarant listed below.

_____, a citizen of _____.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date, _____, at Torii Station,
Okinawa, Japan.

SAMPLE

WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES)
) SS:
OVERSEAS AT OKINAWA, JAPAN)

SINGLE AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE OF:

Jack Edward Smith, the 1st ☒ son / ☐ daughter of
(Applicant's name) (1st, 2nd, etc.)

John Michael Smith and Mary Anne Wilson
(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 Angeles, California (PO Box not allowed)

Date of birth: January 16, 1995

Place of birth: San Francisco, California

Evidence of citizenship: United States Passport No. 123456789 issued on Mary 12, 2015,
in Seattle

Local address: PSC 123 Box 456 APO AP 96367

(If previously married: I, Jack Edward Smith, was divorced from
Sally Ann Brown, on this date, November 30, 2016)

I, the above-mentioned person being duly sworn, do declare that, according to the laws of my
domicile, I am of legal marriageable age, that ☐ I have not been married before /
☒ I have been married before and divorced, and that there is no hindrance, legal or
otherwise, to my uniting in marriage with the female declarant listed below.

Hanako Yamada, a citizen of Japan

Print Name: Jack Edward Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date, , at Torii Station,
Okinawa, Japan.

Notary

WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES)
) SS:
OVERSEAS AT OKINAWA, JAPAN)

JOINT AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE OF:

Male Declarant: _____ the _____ son of
(Groom's name) (1st, 2nd, etc.)

_____ and _____
(Father's name; indicate father's citizenship) (Mother's maiden name; indicate mother's citizenship)

U.S. address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Evidence of citizenship: _____

Local address: _____

(If previously married: I, _____, was divorced from
_____, on this date, _____)

I, the above-mentioned person being duly sworn, do declare that, according to the laws of my domicile, I am of legal marriageable age, that ☐ **I have not been married before** / ☐ **I have been married before and divorced**, and that there is no hindrance, legal or otherwise, to my uniting in marriage with the female declarant listed below.

Female Declarant: _____ the _____ daughter of
(Bride's name) (1st, 2nd, etc.)

_____ and _____
(Father's name; indicate father's citizenship) (Mother's maiden name; indicate mother's citizenship)

U.S. address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Evidence of citizenship: _____

Local address: _____

(If previously married: I, _____, was divorced from
_____, on this date, _____)

I, the above-mentioned person being duly sworn, do declare that, according to the laws of my domicile, I am of legal marriageable age, that ☐ **I have not been married before** / ☐ **I have been married before and divorced**, and that there is no hindrance, legal or otherwise, to my uniting in marriage with the female declarant listed below.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date, _____, at Torii Station, Okinawa, Japan.

WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES)
) SS:
OVERSEAS AT OKINAWA, JAPAN)

SAMPLE

JOINT AFFIDAVIT FOR MARRIAGE OF:

Male Declarant: Jack Edward Smith the 1st son of
(Groom's name) (1st, 2nd, etc.)
John Michael Smith / U.S.A. and Mary Anne Wilson / U.S.A.
(Father's name; indicate father's citizenship) (Mother's maiden name; indicate mother's citizenship)

U.S. address: 123 El Paso Street, Los Angeles, California (PO Box not allowed)

Date of birth: January 6, 1995 Place of birth: San Francisco, California

Evidence of citizenship: United States Passport No. 123456789 issued on May 12, 2019, in Seattle

Local address: PSC 123 Box 456 APO AP 96367

(If previously married: I, Jack Edward Smith, was divorced from
Sally Ann Brown, on this date, November 30, 2016)

I, the above-mentioned person being duly sworn, do declare that, according to the laws of my domicile, I am of legal marriageable age, that ☐ I have not been married before / ☒ I have been married before and divorced, and that there is no hindrance, legal or otherwise, to my uniting in marriage with the female declarant listed below.

Print Name: Jack Edward Smith

Female Declarant: Jane Nancy Doe the 1st daughter of
(Bride's name) (1st, 2nd, etc.)
John Ethan Doe / U.S.A. and Pamela June Adams / Australia
(Father's name; indicate father's citizenship) (Mother's maiden name; indicate mother's citizenship)

U.S. address: 456 El Paso Street, Columbus, Georgia (PO Box not allowed)

Date of birth: March 21, 1995 Place of birth: Atlanta, Georgia

Evidence of citizenship: United States Passport No. 987654321 issued on November 30, 2019, in Georgia

Local address: PSC 456 Box 789 APO AP 96367

(If previously married: I, , was divorced from
, on this date,)

I, the above-mentioned person being duly sworn, do declare that, according to the laws of my domicile, I am of legal marriageable age, that ☒ I have not been married before / ☐ I have been married before and divorced, and that there is no hindrance, legal or otherwise, to my uniting in marriage with the female declarant listed below.

Print Name: Jane Nancy Doe

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date, , at Torii Station, Okinawa, Japan.

Notary

長 殿

◎届出人の印をご持参ください。

SAMPLE

おふたりの記念にどうですか？

お求めの方は窓口で申請してください。

婚姻届受理証明書

夫 年 月 日生

妻 年 月 日生

右当事者の婚姻届は、証人
及び 連署の上
届け出られたところ、本職は審査の上
平成 年 月 日、これを受理した
よつてここに法律上婚姻は成立
したこととなる。
右証明する。

第 号
平成 年 月 日
日本国政府戸籍事務官署名者

受理証明書が発行できます。交付日は、申請日から4日後（休日含まず）になります。

賞状タイプ（B4）は、1枚1,400円です。（沖縄市役所 市民課）

Upon request a "CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE" will be issued to you. It takes approximately 4 working days from date registration forms are accepted. There is a fee of 1,400 YEN.

LOCAL JAPANESE TRANSLATORS

Okinawa Translator: Mr. David Vincent Higgins

Phone: 050-5534-5965

Office hours: Monday-Friday 0900-1700 / Closed Saturday and Sunday

Address: Minato Station Room#201, 10-20 Minato, Minato, Chatan, Okinawa 904-0114

Directions from Kadena Gate-1: Outside the gate make a left onto HWY 58. On the third set of 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: Affidavits, Marriage Certificates, Divorce Decrees, Family Registry, Legal Agreements, Contracts, rental contracts, Real Estate Receipts, Car Estimates, etc.

Webpage: www.okinawatranslator.com

Email: okinawatranslator@gmail.com

Hori's Office: Ms. Reiko Higashionna

Phone: 098-898-6169

Office hours: Monday-Friday 0930-1730, Closed Saturday and Sunday

Address: 2-2-1 Isa, Ginowan City, Okinawa 901-2221

Directions from Kadena Gate 1: Out of gate, take left onto HWY 58. Pass Camp Foster. Located on the North bound lane near the intersection of HWY 58 and 81. Near Jaymil and Shima's Glass Shop.

Translates: Affidavits, Marriage Certificates, Divorce Decrees, Birth Certificates, Family Registry, Legal Agreements, etc.

Email: horioff@nirai.ne.jp

Nakamura's Office: Ms. Sakae Nakamura (Gyoseishoshi lawyer a.k.a Certified admin procedures specialist)

Phone: 080-1774-1055 (prefer this number) / 098-936-1774

Office hours: Monday-Friday 1330-1730(1800) / Closed Saturday and Sunday

Address: 1055-4 Yoshihara, Chatan, Okinawa, Japan

Translates: Affidavits, Marriage Certificates, Divorce Decrees, Birth Certificates, Family Registry, Legal Agreements, Contracts, Driver's License, Resumes, etc.

Central Translation Services

Phone: 050-6872-6649

Office hours: Monday-Friday 0900-1730 (1300-1400 lunch) / Saturday 1000-1400 / Closed on Sunday

Address: Kadena USO, Bldg. 377

Translates: Driver's License, Individual Number Card, School Letters, Resume, Cover Letter, Marriage Documents, Company Policies and Regulations, Lease Agreement, Legal Letter, Certificate of Company Registration, D&B Business Credit Reports, Websites, etc.

Webpage: www.centraltranslation.com

Email: support@centraltranslation.com

PLEASE NOTE:

This list of translators is NOT ENDORSED, or in any way approved by, the Torii Legal Assistance Office or the United States Government. Although this Legal Assistance Office has tried to ensure that this list is up to date, it is possible that changes have occurred, for which we assume no responsibility. If you discover that the information provided is no longer correct, we would appreciate you notifying this office so that we may update our list. For further information, contact the Torii Legal Assistance Office at 652-4332.

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 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/