



Wiesbaden Legal Center Legal Assistance Office



Getting Married in Denmark

This handout provides information about the requirements for getting married in Denmark. Marriages performed in Denmark are recognized as valid marriages in the United States.

1. If you are marrying in Denmark, you will need these documents:
 - a. Birth certificate, it must be an original, and must not be older than 6 months. If your birth certificate is older than 6 months, you will need to contact the state in which you were born and obtain a new birth certificate.
 - b. Valid passport or Military ID. Military ID cards are not always accepted. If you do not have a passport Danish authorities require an affidavit stating the applicant is an American citizen done in front of a public notary, either at your local OSJA or U.S. General consulate.
 - c. Residence Permit: If your fiancé is not already subject to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, he or she will need a residence permit from his or her hometown not older than 6 weeks.
 - d. Leave Orders: If you are in the military, you will need a copy of your leave orders.
2. Other Documents:
 - a. If under the age of 18, written permission from the parents and from the appropriate administrative authorities (in Copenhagen: the *Overpraesidium*; outside Copenhagen: the *County Prefect*)
 - b. If either party is divorced or widowed, he/she must send a copy of the final divorce decree or certificate of the former partner's death by registered mail. *United States divorce decrees generally do not meet the requirements of Danish law.* The Ministry of Justice may require an additional statement from the court where the marriage was dissolved indicating that the divorce was finalized, the effective date of the divorce, there has been no appeal, and both parties are legally free to remarry. The divorce decree should be sent to the Ministry at least one month prior to the desired wedding date to ensure acceptance.
3. A declaration form, signed by both the bride and the groom. This form and other information may be obtained from the Marriage Office (*Bryllupskontoret*) in the City Hall of Copenhagen. The address is:

Kobenhauns Magistrats 1. AFD.
Radhuset|
1599 Kobenhaun V
Denmark

5. Those planning to marry in one of the cities of Jutland or Funen should send their documents to:

FYNS STATSAMT
Norregade 36-39
DK 5000 Odense C
Denmark

6. Those planning to marry in a city on the island of Zeeland should send their documents to:

ROSKILDE STATSAMT
Algade 12
Dk 4000 Roskilde
Denmark

7. Danish law requires that both parties be physically present in Denmark 2-6 days prior to the marriage. For example, if you are getting married in Copenhagen, you must be present 3 days prior to your marriage. Each municipality/city has different requirements, and it is best to check with that municipality/city prior to your marriage date.

If there are any issues or additional questions regarding getting married in Denmark, please contact the Domestic Relations Legal Office at:

Familieretskontoret
Slotholmsgade 10 DK
1216 Copenhagen K
Denmark

8. Documents need not be translated for marriage in Denmark, and a translator will be supplied by the Registrar for the civil ceremony.

9. Some locations require your commander to issue orders approving of your trip to get married in Denmark. We encourage you to contact Denmark ahead of your trip to ensure you have the necessary documents and will be in compliance with their marriage requirements. For a list of municipalities and municipality contact information, please visit the Department of State website located at:

<http://denmark.usembassy.gov/getting--married.html>