

MARRIAGE BY BANNS OR COMMON LICENCE - SPECIFIED EVIDENCE

Both parties to the marriage must provide specified evidence that they are UK/EEA/Swiss nationals prior to applying for a Common Licence, or prior to the publication of banns.

SPECIFIED EVIDENCE means:

1. Valid (current) UK / EEA / Swiss Passport; **OR**
2. Valid (current) National Identity Card from an EEA country or Switzerland;

***If each party can produce one of the above, this is all that is required.
If not, see 3-5 below.***

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3. Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen from the Secretary of State
AND
one of the documents in section 6 below (to establish current use of name); **OR**

4. **IF BORN BEFORE 01/01/1983:**
 - a. a UK birth certificate
AND
 - b. one of the documents in section 6 below; **OR**

5. **IF BORN BETWEEN 01/01/1983 and 30/06/2006:**
 - a. a full UK birth certificate (i.e. a birth certificate that shows parents' full names)
AND
 - b. proof that one parent was a British National or proof that they had indefinite leave to remain in the UK at the time of the birth¹
AND
 - c. [if relying on the father as the British National, the parents' marriage certificate]
AND
 - d. one of the documents in section 6 below.

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6. **PROOF OF CURRENT USE OF NAME (see sections 3-5 above).**
 - a. Utility bill (from last 3 months)
 - b. Bank or Building Society statement (from last 1 month)
 - c. Council Tax bill (from last 12 months)
 - d. Mortgage Statement (from last 12 months)
 - e. Current Tenancy Agreement; or
 - f. Valid full UK Driving Licence or provisional Driving Licence.

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7. **CHANGE OF NAME (where relevant)**
If a party to the marriage has changed their name from that shown on any of the above documentation, he or she must also provide evidence of the change (e.g. deed poll, previous marriage certificate, decree absolute).

Different identity requirements apply for those born on or after 1 July 2006, but this will not become relevant for marriages until at least 2022. Updated guidance will be provided in due course.

¹ e.g. British passport which was valid at the time of the birth or parent's UK birth certificate from before 01/01/1983. If in doubt please contact Diocesan Registry for advice.

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SPECIFIED EVIDENCE OF BRITISH/EEA/SWISS NATIONALITY**

	BRIDE	GROOM
1 – Valid UK/Swiss/EEA Passport <i>Tick if relevant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 – Valid Swiss/EEA National ID Card <i>Tick if relevant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3 - Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen <i>Tick if relevant AND GO TO q6</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 – UK Birth Certificate (before 01/01/1983) <i>Tick if relevant AND GO TO q6</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 – UK Birth Certificate (on or after 01/01/1983) <i>Tick if relevant AND GO TO q5b & q6</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5b – Proof that parent was UK national at time of birth <i>Tick if relevant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5c – [Parent's marriage certificate, if applicable] <i>Tick if relevant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6 – Proof of current use of name <i>Write a,b,c,d,e or f in box</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7 - Evidence of change of name (if applicable) <i>Tick if relevant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I have seen the **original** documents listed above and am therefore satisfied that both Bride and Groom are Relevant Nationals for the purpose of the *Marriage Act 1949*

Signature
Clerk in Holy Orders

Print Name