

## **APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF MARITAL STATUS (LETTER OF NO IMPEDIMENT)**

Letters of non-impediment i.e. confirmation of marital status are issued upon request to persons who are South African citizens and who require such a letter for the purpose of getting married.

Before submitting an application, applicants should first verify that their marital status at the Department of Home Affairs is indeed correct either online (see <http://www.dha.gov.za/status/Status.html>) or by sending an email to the Contact Centre: [hacc@dha.gov.za](mailto:hacc@dha.gov.za).

The following documents must be submitted when applying for a letter of confirmation of marital status:

- **A letter from the applicant requesting the issuance of a letter of non-impediment**
  - The signed and dated letter must be addressed to the Director-General of the Department of Home Affairs and include:
    - i. The applicant's full name and identity number.
    - ii. The reason for the request i.e. to get married abroad / in Kazakhstan.
    - iii. A request for the issued letter of non-impediment to be certified with an **apostille** in terms of the 1961 Hague Convention.
    - iv. The applicant's contact details (residential address, mobile phone number and email address).
- **Form BI-529** to be fully completed **in block letters and in black ink** (attached);

### **NOTE:**

- All applicants are kindly requested to fully complete this form, which would assist in locating records at the Department of Home Affairs in Pretoria.
- Questions 9, 10, 11 of Part A are of particular importance.
- Questions that are not applicable should be marked as 'n/a'; if answers to certain questions are not known, they should be marked as 'Do not know'.
- Applicants should include a valid mobile phone number and email address under Part E.

- **The applicant's original South African passport**
  - A photocopy of the document must also be submitted.
  - The original document will be given back to the applicant.**
- **The applicant's original South African identity document**, if available.
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  - The original document will be given back to the applicant.**
- Application fee of **1291 KZ Tenge**.

Payment of the above-mentioned application fee should be paid after submitting the application.

Bank details:

Beneficiary name	South African Embassy in Kazakhstan
Bank name	JSC «First Heartland Jýsan Bank»
Address	62a Kosmonavtov Street, 7 <sup>th</sup> floor, Astana
BIN	040150020673
SWIFT/BIC	TSESKZKA
Iban Number	KZ55998BTB0000487976
Currency	KZT
Code of payment purpose	859
Code of Beneficiary:	21

**NOTE:**

- Applications submitted at the Embassy are sent free of charge to the Department of Home Affairs **in Pretoria, where applications are finalised and new documents issued**, with the diplomatic freight bag once a month. In the case of urgent applications, applicants may opt to organise and pay for a courier service to collect their applications from our office and have it delivered directly to the Department in Pretoria – applicants who would like to make use of this option should confirm this in writing when submitting their applications.

- **After the application has been sent to the Department of Home Affairs in Pretoria**, it may take up to 6 months for the application to be finalised and the newly issued document to reach the office of application / South African mission abroad. **Status / progress reports are not provided to applicants by the mission during the above-mentioned processing period**; applicants may however contact the Department of Home Affairs Contact Centre themselves about their application status: [hacc@dha.gov.za](mailto:hacc@dha.gov.za).

- Applicants would be immediately notified as soon as the issued document has been received by our office from Pretoria, and are kindly requested not to contact our office unnecessarily for progress reports.

- Due to the long-term nature of such applications, applicants are kindly requested to keep our office informed of any change of address during the processing period.

- A complete application must be submitted in person during the consular opening hours: Mon-Fri; 09:00-12:30, except public holidays, by appointment.