

## MARRIAGES

Marriages which are solemnised outside South Africa may be reported to the **Department of Home Affairs** through the Embassy, to be noted on the National Population Register (NPR) as a foreign marriage. No marriage certificate is provided, nor acknowledgement that the marriage has been noted on the National Population Register (NPR) by the Department of Home Affairs.

All the applications must be submitted in person at the South African Embassy in Seoul. Please visit us after receiving confirmation of appointment. The applications received at the Embassy are forwarded to the Department of Home Affairs in Pretoria for process. After a letter of marital status or a marriage certificate is issued by the Department, it is forwarded to the Embassy by diplomatic bag. The applicant will be informed accordingly.

If both parties are South African, the couple may request to get married at the Embassy. This should be requested at least three months or longer before the proposed marriage date. It would be appreciated if the couple could send the proposed marriage date and certified copies of SA passports and ID documents to the Consular Section at [consular.seoul@dirco.gov.za](mailto:consular.seoul@dirco.gov.za) for arrangement. In this case, no letter of no-impediment/marital status is required.

## REQUEST FOR LETTER OF NO-IMPEDIMENT/MARITAL STATUS

SA citizens, who plan to marry in Korea and need a letter of no-impediment/marital status, may apply for it at the Embassy.

After marriage, SA citizens may report their marriage for the change of marital status on the National Population Register (NPR) as stated below. The status can be checked on the website of the **Department of Home Affairs**. SA citizens who need a confirmation of marital status as 'MARRIED' may apply for a letter of marital status only after their marital status on the NPR has been changed as 'MARRIED'.

### Requirements

- Duly completed application form, available at the Embassy
- Valid passport or ID document
- Marriage certificate, divorce paper or death certificate of spouse, if applicable
- Fee is KRW5,000. Fees are payable only in cash and cannot be refunded.

### Processing time

- 6-12 months

## REPORT OF A FOREIGN MARRIAGE

### Requirements

- Foreign Marriage Certificate, translated in English by a sworn translator for the documents issued in any other language.
- Valid passport and ID document
- Foreign spouse's valid passport
- A letter signed by the couple confirming the date and place of the marriage.

### Processing time

- 3-6 months. Applicant can verify the marital status on the website of the Department of Home Affairs.