

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING MARITAL STATUS

婚姻狀態宣誓書

Taiwan)
City of Kaohsiung)
American Institute in Taiwan) ss:
Kaohsiung Branch Office)

Before me, a Special Notary (PL 96-8) of the Consular Section, American Institute in Taiwan, Kaohsiung Branch Office duly appointed and qualified, personally appeared –

who, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

我·本人在美國在台協會高雄辦事處公證官員前·親自做以下的宣誓：

(The U.S. citizen should complete the following information)

(美國公民必須填妥下列資料)

Full Name 姓名

Place of Birth 出生地點

Date of Birth 出生日期

U.S. Passport No. 美國護照號碼

U.S. Passport Date of Issue 美國護照核發日期

Authority 美國護照發照地點

United States Department of State 美國國務院

I have: 我本人 never been married 從未結過婚 divorced 離過婚
 My spouse is deceased 配偶已過世

and I am presently legally free to marry. And further deponent saith not.

僅此聲明我目前是單身·可自由結婚。

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of

Signature (**Do NOT SIGN** until so instructed)

西元(月/日/年)·做此宣誓聲明

/Seal/

Special Notary (PL96-8) of the
Consular Section
American Institute in Taiwan
Kaohsiung Office

Congratulations on your marriage!

Once this affidavit notarized by our office, this affidavit must then be authenticated by the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For southern of Taiwan you may visit:

- **Southern Taiwan Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 3F, No. 6, Zhengnan Street, Lingya District, Kaohsiung**
外交部南部辦事處, 高雄市苓雅區政南街 6 號 3 樓 **Tel: (07) 715-6600**
- or**
- **Southwest Taiwan (Yunlin, Chiayi & Tainan) Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at 2F, No. 184, Wufeng N. Rd., Chiayi City**
外交部雲嘉南辦事處, 嘉義市吳鳳北路 184 號 2 樓 **Tel: (05) 225-1567**

Effective May 23, 2008, registration of a marriage at the Household Registration Bureau Office (HHR) constitutes a performed marriage. The date of the registration at HHR office is the effective date of the marriage. The HHR Office's printed record of the marriage constitutes official evidence of the marriage. However, the HHR office can also issue a "Marriage Certificate" in both Chinese and English for a fee of NT\$100, if requested.

Taiwan nationals must register their marriage at their own regional HHR office(s). If both parties are foreigners, they may choose any HHR office. The couple must go to the HHR office with passports; ARC (if applicable); and a prepared written marriage agreement between the two parties, which has already been signed by two adult witnesses (witnesses do not need to appear at the HHR office).

Marriages performed by Notaries Public at a District Court are not final legal marriages until they are registered at the HHR Office. In other words, couples who use the District Court must also register the marriage at the HHR office in order for the marriage to be completed under Taiwan law. The Notary Public can only issue a "Certificate of Notary Public," and cannot issue a "Marriage Certificate." The official date of the marriage under Taiwan law will be the date that the couple registered it with the Household Registration Bureau.

Some couples may choose to purchase stylized blank marriage certificates from book stores or download them from the internet and complete them themselves. These can be beautiful mementos, but the HHR record printout and/or the HHR-issued marriage certificate are the official evidence of marriage.

For more information visit the Department of Household Registration website at: www.ris.gov.tw. This site lists the addresses of HHR offices by region and city.

All U.S. states have their own laws concerning marriage and all states generally recognize marriages performed outside of their jurisdiction, provided that the marriage was in compliance with the laws of the place in which it was performed. Since the requirements for legal marriage differ from state to state, U.S. citizens should contact their state for more information about how a foreign marriage will be treated in their state.

For more information visit the Taiwan Department of Civil Affairs web site at: www.moi.gov.tw.
If you are interested in obtaining a U.S. immigrant visa for your spouse, please visit <https://www.ait.org.tw/visas/immigrant-visas/> & <https://www.uscis.gov/>

*****This affidavit is valid 90 days from the date you sign. *****