
BVI LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A WEDDING

The requirements of the Attorney General's office are:

- \$110.00 (in BVI postage stamps) for a Special License for those residents in the BVI for three days.
- \$50.00 (in BVI postage stamps) for an Ordinary License for those residents in the BVI for 15 days or more.
- Your passport as proof of identity and date of arrival in the British Virgin Islands.
- Proof of marital status (certified or original copies of decree absolute for divorced spouses or death certificates for deceased spouses.)
- Two witnesses are needed for marriage ceremony.
- For application, only one witness is needed.
 - signing license application and
 - to be present at the marriage ceremony.

(Witnesses need not be the same for both exercises; persons in BVI may be selected as witnesses)

You will need to bring a letter from a minister/pastor confirming they are performing your ceremony.

Having applied for the license, you go to the Registrar-General's Office to schedule an appointment for the date and time you propose to be married.

The Registrar-General's Office is situated on Wickham's Cay, Road Town, upstairs of Burhym Electrical Services.

The hours of business are:

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Weddings are performed by the Registrar General outside the Office between the hours of 9:00am and 6:30pm, Monday through Saturday, and inside the Office between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

The Registrar, who is the marriage officer, will require a complete application showing the following information:

- The names of the two parties as it appears on your travel documents
- The ages of both parties
- The occupation of both parties
- Marital status
- The names of the two witnesses to the ceremony

The fees payable at the Registrar General's Office are \$35.00 if wedding ceremony is performed in the office and \$100.00 if it is performed elsewhere. All checks should be made payable to the Accountant General.

If you wish to be married in a church of your choice, Wedding Banns must be published on three (3) consecutive Saturdays or Sundays in that church. You must make arrangements with the Minister of the church in advance. Publishing of banns is not necessary if a license is obtained.

Please travel with proof of your identity such as passports, driver's license or original birth certificates and certified copies of your marital status. Blood tests are not necessary.

Registrars Offices

The registrar's office should be contacted for specific rules regarding planning your destination or beach wedding in British Virgin Islands. They will also provide information regarding marriage licenses and marriage certificates.

Registrar's Office
Box 418, Road Town,
Tortola, B.V.I

Tel: (284) 494-3701,
Ext 5001 or (284) 494-3492.

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