

Regardless of nationality and residence, we always request a copy of an identity document from the bride and groom, witnesses, and any interpreter.

ITALIAN CITIZENS:

RESIDENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VARENNA (at least one)

The procedure requires contacting the Municipality of Varenna for marriage banns. Please contact the demographic services office by phone (+39 0341 830119) or email (ufficio.anagrafe@comune.varenna.lc.it) to speak with a Civil Status Officer.

This will likely be the only instance where direct contact is suggested instead of using a form.

NON-RESIDENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VARENNA

The procedure requires contacting one of the two municipalities of residence for marriage banns and subsequently requesting authorization for the ceremony from the Municipality of Varenna. The marriage banns, as well as the authorization, are valid for 180 days (approximately six months), so it is recommended to take this into account, especially regarding the wedding date. For Italians residing abroad, the relevant consulate/embassy must be contacted, which will operate similarly to any municipality.

FOREIGN CITIZENS:

Citizens of AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CYPRUS, DENMARK, ESTONIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, IRELAND, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALTA, MOLDOVA, THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, PORTUGAL, CZECH REPUBLIC, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY can provide a document known as a "certificate of marital capacity" or equivalent, issued by the competent authority of their country, accompanied by the corresponding translation in the standard multilingual form.

British citizens residing in the UK can present:

- The Certification for the purpose of marriage in Italy under Article 116 of the Italian Civil Code (template attached to Circular No. 14/2013), issued by the British Consulate in Italy, or:
- The Certificate of No Impediment issued by the British Registry Office, apostilled and duly translated, and
- The sworn bilingual declaration, legalized, made by the parties before a British lawyer or notary (templates attached to Circular No. 6/2013).

British citizens residing in Jersey, Guernsey, and the Isle of Man must contact the British Consular Authority in Italy for the issuance of the no impediment certificate (Circular No. 10/2015).

United States citizens must provide:

- A sworn statement made by the applicant at their Consular Authority, indicating that, according to the laws of their state, there are no impediments to the intended marriage in Italy. The Consular Authority certifies the identity of the declarant and their citizenship.
- Documents issued by the U.S. authorities proving indirectly that, according to the laws of their state, there are no impediments to their marriage. Alternatively, the U.S. citizen may present a notarized statement, a sworn declaration made by the applicant in the presence of four witnesses before the competent Italian Authority,

stating that there are no impediments to the marriage according to the laws of their state. Competent authorities abroad are the Italian Consular Authority; in Italy, this is under the jurisdiction of a notary or the court clerk.

Australian citizens must provide:

- A sworn declaration made by the applicant at their Consular Authority, certifying that, according to the laws of their state, there are no impediments to the intended marriage in Italy. The Consular Authority certifies the identity of the declarant and their citizenship.
- Documents issued by Australian authorities proving indirectly that, according to the laws of their state, there are no impediments to their marriage.

Alternatively, the Australian citizen may present a notarized statement, a sworn declaration made by the applicant in the presence of four witnesses before the competent Italian Authority, stating that there are no impediments to the marriage according to the laws of their state. Abroad, the Italian Consular Authority is competent; in Italy, the Civil Status Officer is competent.

Russian citizens must present:

- An apostilled document attesting to the absence of the applicant's marriage registration in the state archive ("EGR ZAGS"), with an original or notarized copy of the divorce certificate if applicable, the original or notarized copy of the birth certificate, and the international passport.

Alternatively, by proceeding through the Russian Consulate in Italy, a no impediment certificate is issued upon presenting the EGR ZAGS and the birth certificate, along with passports, without requiring them to be translated and/or apostilled. (For the birth certificate, the original or a notarized copy must be presented.)

Polish citizens must present a no impediment certificate issued by the Head of the Polish Civil Status Office in their place of residence. Only if the Polish citizen resides abroad without any prior residence in Poland, cannot trace their last place of residence in Poland, or left Poland before the age of 16 and resides permanently abroad, the no impediment certificate will be issued by the Consular Authority.

Norwegian citizens must present a no impediment certificate issued by their municipality of residence in Norway, directly in Italian or Norwegian, with a translation by a certified Norwegian translator, complete with Apostille.

Mexican citizens must present the "Constancia de inexistencia de Registro," issued by the Civil Registries of the Mexican States, apostilled and duly translated.

For all other nationalities, a no impediment certificate must be issued by the consulate of their nation in Italy, which must then be legalized at the prefecture. The only exception is Syria; as there is no Syrian diplomatic authority in Italy, Syrian citizens must request the no impediment certificate from the Arab Syrian Embassy in Vienna.