

Marriage, divorce, childbirth registration and report of death

In the Japanese system, foreigners are required to report marriages, divorces, childbirths and deaths.

If you need a certification of these notifications, request it from the city office you reported initially reported it to.



◆ Marriage registration

If you wish to get married in Japan, you will need the following documents. But the required documents may differ depending on your national origins and in case you married in overseas. Please contact the Citizen's Section for more information.

- 1) A sworn Affidavit of Competency to Marry (kon-in yoken gubi shomeisho).
A certificate to prove you have no spouse issued by your home government/local government or your country's embassy in Japan.
- 2) A document proving your nationality, such as a passport
- 3) Translations.
If documents (1) and (2) are prepared in a language other than Japanese, please attach a Japanese translation.
Please indicate the address of the translator at the end of the document and sign the document.
- 4) The signatures of two adult witnesses on the marriage registration.

◆ Divorce registration

Those who have a Japanese spouse and are currently residing in Japan can legally register for a divorce (rikon todoke).

◆ Childbirth registration

When a child is born in Japan, even if both parents (by marriage) are foreigners, a birth notification must be submitted to the Citizens Division within 14 days. If either parent (by marriage) is a Japanese citizen at the time of birth, the child will acquire Japanese citizenship. For more information on applying for status of residence for children, please contact the Fukuoka Immigration Bureau (Citizen's Division for special permanent residents).

◆ Report of death

When a foreign national dies in Japan, a notification of death must be submitted to the Citizen's Affairs Section within 7 days of the death by the notifier specified in the Family Registration Law. Please contact the Citizen's Affairs Division for the qualifications of the notifier.

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