

# 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, an officer 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 Number 美國護照號碼

U.S. Passport Date of Issue 美國護照核發日期

Authority 美國護照核發單位

United States Department of State 美國國務院

I have ☐ never been married 從未結過婚 ☐ divorced 離過婚

我本人 ☐ 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。

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

Subscribed and sworn before me this day of \_\_\_\_\_.

西元(月/日/年)，做此宣誓聲明

/Seal/

## ***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** 外交部南部辦事處  
Address: 3F, No. 6, Zhengnan Street, Lingya District, Kaohsiung  
高雄市苓雅區政南街 6 號 3 樓  
Tel: (07) 715-6600
- **Southwestern Taiwan Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs** 外交部雲嘉南辦事處  
Address: 2F, No. 184, Wufeng North Road, East District, Chiayi City  
嘉義市東區吳鳳北路 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](http://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](http://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 for 90 days from the date you sign.\*\*\***