

## Frequently asked questions

**Q.** Are weddings in Fiji legally recognized overseas?

**A.** Weddings in Fiji are recognized as legal worldwide

**Q.** What documents are required to get married in Fiji?

- A.**
- Birth certificates
  - Passports with valid legal status
  - If applicable, divorce certificate
  - If previous spouse is deceased, a death certificate

A Certificate of Single status or certificate of no legal impediment must be provided if:

- Marriage between non-residents marrying in Fiji
- Marriage between non-residents marrying a local
- Marriage between former citizens of Fiji with two years & above residency abroad

Marriage applications from Japan must produce the koseki shouhon to certify their personal details.

**Q.** How do I apply for a marriage license?

**A.** All overseas marriage applicants are required by law to obtain and sign a marriage license from a nearest marriage registry or district office prior to the marriage ceremony.

**Q.** How many days should we arrive in Fiji before our wedding day?

**A.** It is recommendable that you arrive in Fiji 3 days before your wedding day. However special arrangements can also be organized to suit your travel plans.

**Q.** What is the legal age to get married?

**A.** The legal age of consent to marry is 18 years for both male and female.

**Q.** What hours are the Registry offices open?

**A.** The Registry offices open from 8.00 am - 4.00 pm Mondays to Fridays. The office is closed on weekends and public holidays.

**Q.** What are the marriage fees?

- A.**
- To obtain a special license F\$19.65
  - Marriage performed within the registry F\$21.90
  - Marriage performed by the RG outside of normal working hours F\$31.36
  - Masi (tapa) designed marriage certificate F\$15.69
  - Standard marriage certificate F\$5.75

**Q.** What is an Apostille Seal?

**A.** An apostille seal is a certificate or stamp issued by our Department of Foreign Affairs. It recognizes authenticates documents such as birth, marriages and deaths.

**Q.** If we're a couple - what about the required witnesses?

**A.** Our staff would be more than happy to act as witnesses.

**Q.** Could I bring my own celebrant?

**A.** Under the laws of Fiji, only local celebrants are allowed to officiate a marriage; however, an arrangement may be undertaken between the overseas and the local celebrant; the overseas celebrant could participate in the vows and the blessings of the ring, but the local celebrant will solemnize the marriage and sign the marriage certificate.

**Q.** What are the processes of Catholic marriages?

**A.** Couples must present the following documents: baptism certificate, written confirmations for the right to marry from one's own parish priest and at least meet with the local priest.

**Q.** Are there group discounts available?

**A.** Absolutely, but it depends on number of rooms, length of stay and time of year. Big or small we will offer our very best rate. Alternatively, and for ease of coordination contact your preferred travel agent or wedding specialist.

**Q.** Can our guests stay at neighbouring resorts or private homes?

**A.** Yes, provided at least 75% of total guests stay at Musket Cove Island Resort.

**Q.** When is the perfect time to get married in Fiji?

**A.** Spring and Autumn are the best seasons. Which also offer the best deals.