

Marriage by banns - Specified evidence



All couples wishing to be married in the Church of England by banns must provide original identification documents sufficient to evidence their nationality to the member of the clergy responsible for publishing the banns. We also need to see proof of your current address.

Proof of UK/Irish Nationality or Settled Status for EU Nationals

Option 1 – Passport, Certificate of Registration/Naturalisation/Evidence of Status

a valid (current) UK / Irish passport;

OR Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen from the Secretary of State plus proof of current use of name;

OR For those with Settled or Pre-Settled Status under the EU Settlement Scheme: A Share Code issued from www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status. This code is valid for 30 days. Or an email to our Church Office from the church where the wedding will take place, confirming they have checked your status.

If both of you can show us one of these documents, the only other thing we need is evidence of your current address. If not, you need to bring the documents described below.

Option 2 – for anyone without a passport and born before 01/01/1983

a UK birth certificate

AND proof of current use of name (see list below)

Option 3 – for anyone without a passport and born on or after 01/01/1983

a full UK birth certificate (i.e. a birth certificate that shows parents' full names)

AND proof that one parent was a British National or proof that they had indefinite leave to remain in the UK at the time of the person's birth (e.g. parent's UK birth certificate from before 01/01/1983)

AND [if relying on the father as the British National] the parents' marriage certificate

AND proof of current use of name (see list below)

Evidence of current address and current use of name

Please bring one of the following with your name and current address on it

- Utility bill (from last 3 months)
- Bank or Building Society statement (from last 1 month)
- Council Tax bill (from last 12 months)
- Mortgage Statement (from last 12 months)
- Current Residential Tenancy Agreement;
- Valid full UK Driving Licence or provisional Driving Licence.

Change of name

If either of you has changed your name from that shown on any of the above documentation, you need to provide evidence of the change (e.g. deed poll, previous marriage certificate, decree absolute).

Checklist for person completing the ID check for marriage banns

Name of Groom

Name of Bride

Date of wedding

	Groom	Bride
One of		
1 Valid UK/Irish Passport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Evidence of Settled or Pre-Settled Status under the EU Settlement Scheme (if a Share Code is provided, please seek advice from our Vicar)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or		
4 UK Birth Certificate (before 01/01/1983)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or		
5a UK Birth Certificate (on or after 01/01/1983)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5b Proof that parent was UK national at time of the birth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5c Parents' marriage certificate (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plus		
6 Proof of current use of name (passport or item from list)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Proof of current address	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Evidence of change of name (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bride and Groom

I declare that the documents presented are original documents and relate to me.

Bride's signature

Groom's signature

Date:

Minister conducting the check

I have seen the original documents listed above (and copies are attached) and am therefore satisfied that both Bride and Groom are Relevant Nationals for the purpose of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by the Immigration Act 2014 and any subsequent legislation

Minister's name

Minister's signature

Data protection act requirements

We keep our records relating to applications for banns securely for a period of 3 years and then destroy these papers.