Contracting States, subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

A marriage celebrated by a diplomatic agent or consular official in accordance with his law shall similarly be considered valid in all Contracting States, provided that the celebration is not prohibited by the State of celebration.

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Where a marriage certificate has been issued by a competent authority, the marriage shall be presumed to be valid until the contrary is established.

Article 11

A Contracting State may refuse to recognize the validity of a marriage only where, at the time of the marriage, under the law of that State -

- (1) one of the spouses was already married; or
- (2) the spouses were related to one another, by blood or by adoption, in the direct line or as brother and sister; or
- (3) one of the spouses had not attained the minimum age required for marriage, nor had obtained the necessary dispensation; or
- (4) one of the spouses did not have the mental capacity to consent; or
- (5) one of the spouses did not freely consent to the marriage.

However, recognition may not be refused where, in the case mentioned in sub-paragraph 1 of the preceding paragraph, the marriage has subsequently become valid by reason of the dissolution or annulment of the prior marriage.

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The rules of this Chapter shall apply even where the recognition of the validity of a marriage is to be dealt with as an incidental question in the context of another question.

- Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judements in Civil and Commercial Matters, 1 February 1971
- Supplementary Protocol to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Forcign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, 1 February 1971
- Convention on the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations, 1 June 1970
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Traffic Accidents, 4 May 1970
- Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, 18 March
- Convention concerning the International Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons, 2 October 1973
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Products Liability, 2 October 1973
- Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions relating to Maintenance Obligations, 2 October 1973
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations, 2 October 1973
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Matrimonial Property Regimes, 14 March 1978
- Convention on Celebration and Recognition of the Validity of Marriages, 14 March 1978
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Agency, 14 March 1978
- Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 25 October 1980
- Convention on International Access to Justice, 25 October 1980
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on their Recognition, 1 July 1985
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, 22 December 1986
- Convention on the Law Applicable to Succession to the Estates of Deceased Persons. LAugust 1989
- Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in tespect of Intercountry Adoption. 29 May 1993
- Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children 19 October 1996
- Convention on the International Protection of Adults, 13 January 2000

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The Registration of the Marriage

After the marriage the bride and groom may receive a "Record of Solemnization of Marriage" giving their names, the date of the marriage, the names of the witnesses and whether the marriage was performed under the authority of a license or the publication of banns. This is a souvenir document and not a legal record.

* The person who performed the marriage must forward documentation to the Office of the Registrar General for registration.

The Certificate of Marriage

Allow approximately 12 weeks from the date of marriage before applying for your marriage certificate (*pdf).

Important Information

The Office of the Registrar General will not rule on the validity of a marriage. Please contact a lawyer if you need to determine if your marriage is legal.

For more information, please contact:

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