

Acceptance Standard for Documents

A. Birth / adoption / death certificate

Type of Certificate	Place of Birth / Adoption / Death	Requirement
Birth / Adoption / Death Certificate [The requirement that the birth certificate with "*" should be issued or certified within 6 months is directed at cases where the birth certificate is required to serve as proof of kindred and cases where the personal information declared before by the interested person is different from that declared in this application]	1. Macao SAR	Certificate of birth registry / adoption / death issued by the Macao Civil Affairs Registry (within 3 months)
	2. Mainland China	Notarial birth*/adoption/death certificate issued by the competent authorities of the Mainland China (within 6 months)
	3. Hong Kong SAR	Certificate of birth registry* / adoption / death issued by the competent authorities of Hong Kong (within 6 months)
	4. Region of Taiwan	Original birth/adoption/death certificate + Household registry transcript / Household register of the Region of Taiwan bearing the birth*/adoption / death registry (issued within 6 months)
	5. Others	Birth*/adoption/death certificate issued by the competent authorities of the country ("certified by diplomatic representation" within 6 months)

B. Certificate of no marriage / marriage / divorce / de facto marital relation

Type of Certificate	Place of Marriage	Requirement
Certificate of Marital Relation	1. Macao SAR	Certificate of latest Macao marriage registration issued within 3 months + declaration of the interested person and his/her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)
	2. Mainland China	Notarial marriage certificate issued within 6 months + declaration of the interested person and his/her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)
	3. Hong Kong SAR	Original marriage certificate or true copy of marriage certificate (issued within 6 months) archived at the office of the Registrar in Hong Kong + declaration of the interested person and his/her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)
	4. Region of Taiwan	Original marriage certificate + Household registry transcript / Household register of the Region of Taiwan (bearing the marriage registration) issued within 6 months + declaration of the interested person and his/her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)
	5. Philippines	Certificate of marriage registration ("certified by diplomatic representation") issued by the National Statistics Office within 6 months + declaration of the interested person and his/her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)
	6. Others	1) In cases where the marriage registration system is

		<p>the same as that in Macao (e.g. Portugal Angola, Cape Verde, etc.): Certificate of latest marriage registration (“certified by diplomatic representation”) issued within 6 months + declaration of the interested person and his/her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)</p> <p>2) In other cases: Original marriage certificate (“certified by diplomatic representation” within 6 months) + declaration of the interested person and his/her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)</p>
<p>Certificate of de facto Marital Relation (in accordance with Article 1472 of the Civil Code)</p>	<p>/</p>	<p>1) Declaration of the interested person, his/her partner and 2 witnesses (claiming the interested person and his/her partner have been cohabiting voluntarily like husband and wife for at least two years)</p> <p>2) “Certificate of no marriage” issued within 6 months by the competent authorities of the place of origin (or issued within 3 months in Macao) if both parties have never been married (“certification by diplomatic representation” is required if the certificate is issued in a place other Mainland China, the Macao SAR, the Hong Kong SAR and the Region of Taiwan)</p> <p>3) Certificate of marriage dissolution if any party had married before:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Issued in the Macao SAR: Certificate of marriage registration bearing the marriage dissolution record (issued within 3 months) b. Issued in the Hong Kong SAR: Divorce certificate (affixed with a confirmation stamp of the competent authorities of Hong Kong within 6 months) c. Issued in the Region of Taiwan: Original divorce certificate + Household registry transcript / Household register of the Region of Taiwan bearing the divorce record (issued within 6 months) d. Issued in Mainland China: Notarial divorce certificate (issued within 6 months) e. Issued in other places: Certificate “certified by diplomatic representation” within 6 months <p>4) Death certificate of the original spouse if any party is a widow/widower (for details, please see the requirements for death certificate)</p>

[Note:

- (1) The declaration mentioned above serving as proof of maintaining marriage or de facto marital relation should contain the declarant's signature which is to be certified by the competent authorities of Macao or another country/region. Otherwise, the interested person, his/her spouse (or partner of marriage de facto) and the two witnesses are required to come in person, sign the declaration in the presence of an immigration staff and present the original of their identification document for verification;
- (2) The Immigration Department will provide the template of the above declaration;
- (3) The authorities will only collect the copies of the above documents, but the originals have to be exhibited for authentication;
- (4) The international practice of having the above foreign documents (not including those of the Mainland China, the Hong Kong SAR and the Region of Taiwan) "certified by diplomatic representation" (or "certified by consular representation") in order to ensure its authenticity is not applicable in the following situations:
 - i. The document comes with the Apostille certification concluded by the Hague Convention (the Apostille certificate should be issued within 6 months. For details, please see the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement for Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, 5 October 1961 at the website: <http://www.hcch.net>);
 - ii. The document is issued by a country which has certification-free agreement with Macao.
- (5) The current procedure of "certification by diplomatic representation" of civil registration certificates issued by the Philippine authorities is as follows:
 - i. The competent department issuing the certificate verifies the document;
 - ii. A consular official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines issues an "Authentication Certificate" to certify that the document is truly issued by the competent authorities of the country;
 - iii. The Philippine consulate in Macao or the Chinese Embassy in the Philippines certifies the authenticity and legality of the signature of the above Philippine official.
- (6) The requirement that foreign documents are accepted only if they are issued or certified within 6 months is stipulated in Article 28 of Macao Law No. 5/98/M.]