



Consulat général de France au Cap

Request for the transcription of a marriage certificate

After registration of the marriage by south-african authorities (Home Affairs), the French citizen can ask for the transcription of the marriage in the French civil status. The consulate can also ask for an interview of the spouses before transcription. The usual delay for a transcription is one month.

Documents required

- a- Form to fill and sign (by the French citizen)
- b- Proof of French nationality : (French certificate -C.N.F- ; ID card ; birth certificate with mention of French nationality ; naturalization decree or valid passport)
- c- Passport copy of the foreign citizen
- d- Original of **the south-african marriage certificate**. It has to be a full certificate (usually named **unabridged marriage certificate**). It must mention the matrimonial status and the place of birth of each spouse. Please ask Home Affairs to deliver a full certificate. Then, it must be legalized by DIRCO with an **apostille** : DIRCO <http://www.dirco.gov.za> Section : *Consular notarial services (legalisation or official documents)*
- e- Original of the **birth certificate of the French spouse** (less than 3 months)
- f- Original of the **birth certificate of the foreign spouse**. It could require an **apostille** (if south-african) or a **legalization**. Depends on the nationality (contact us)

This apostille or legalization could take time regarding the country of issue

- g- Copy of a marriage contract (**antenuptial contract**), if you signed one with a notary
- h- French "**livret de famille**" (family book) if you already got one

Prodecure

To drop off your complete file at the consulate please call before 021 423 15 75 or send it by courier :
78 Queen Victoria Street – Gardens – CAPE TOWN 8001).

The original south-african documents will be given back to you.

Contact

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