**Necessary documents required by British nationals**

**in order to have a civil marriage in Cyprus**

Regarding your civil marriage in Geroskipou we would like to inform you that you must bring with you the following documents:

a) Passports

 b) British nationals, who reside in Cyprus for a period of less than three (3) years and wish to celebrate a civil marriage in the Republic of Cyprus, should submit a Marriage non-impediment Certificate, issued either by the General Register Office of the local authority of the area they reside. This Certificate should be sealed with an **APOSTILLE**. Moreover, they should submit the Registration Certificate (yellow slip) and an Affidavit stating that they are not married. Finally a copy of their passport should be submitted.

 British nationals, who come to Cyprus with a Marriage Tour Package to celebrate a Marriage and leave or reside legally and continuously in the Republic of Cyprus for at least three years, are not required to submit the Marriage non-impediment Certificate. Instead, they will need to bring a Statutory Declaration and/ or Affidavit legalized by the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, as per the following instructions:

* The document must be signed, certified, and dated by a UK practicing solicitor or notary public before being submitted to this office.
* When a notary public or solicitor certifies a document, the following requirements must be met:

• They sign the document in their own name (Not a company signature, or a PP signature)

• They must have a current practicing certificate with the relevant UK regulatory body

• They certify the document while in the UK.

• They clearly print or stamp their name and the details of their firm

• They state a certification (e.g. “I hereby certify that ...”)

• If applicable, they need to include an original embossed/wet ink seal

• They date their certification

 The Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office offers a worldwide postal service for all applications which can be made online via their website <http://www.gov.uk/get-document-legalised>

 c) If you are divorced you are requested to bring the original Divorce Certificate which must be final and absolute (translated in English from a notary). In addition you must have the certificate mentioned in para (b) above. If you are widow/widower you are requested to bring with you the original Death Certificate (translated in English from a notary). In addition you must have the certificate mentioned in para (b) above. Both documents must have an **Apostille** stamp.

 d) If one of you is under the age of 18 you are requested to additionally bring the consent of your parents which must be certified by a solicitor of your country, with an **Apostille**

e) Fees for the Special Marriage: 282 Euro (A marriage is considered “Special” when it is performed within one or two days after the submission of your application).

f) Usual marriage fees: 128 Euro (the marriage is performed, at least 15 days after the submission of your application).

g) Passport photocopies of two witnesses over 18 (age) must be provided. Your witnesses must be present on the day of the wedding.

Your application must be submitted by both interested parties in person at least one working day before the wedding date in the case of a “Special” Marriage, or at least 15 days before the wedding date in case of a “Usual” marriage. Our office accepts applications from Monday to Friday between 8.30 - 10.00 am.

 If you require any further information you can contact us at +357-26960797/26960823 and at weddings@geroskipou.org.cy