



CONVENIENCE TRANSLATION - ACCURACY NOT GUARANTEED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Supreme Court of the Union

Directive No. 1/2025

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(17 November 2025)

Matters to be scrutinised when taking affidavits for marriages between foreigners and Myanmar women

1. Courts accept and take marriage affidavits that those marrying as Buddhists make on their own volition. In this context, the Supreme Court of the Union has issued directives and exercises supervision to ensure that the rights of Myanmar women wishing to marry foreigners are not lost.
2. It must be acknowledged that circumstances have changed and human trafficking, whereby foreigners visit Myanmar to take young Myanmar women out of the country after deceiving and marrying them under false pretenses, is on the rise. As more scrutiny is needed to prevent fraudulent marriages by foreigners, courts are again directed, if there is an application to take marriage affidavits, to take the affidavits as prescribed only after carefully scrutinising whether the following particulars are complete.

For the foreigner intending to marry:

- (1) Passport;
- (2) evidence of a visa that allows the foreigner to stay in Myanmar for more than 30 days;
- (3) submission to the Myanmar Immigration Department stating that the marriage will take place during the stay with the visa;
- (4) certificate from the relevant embassy stating that the marriage is not prohibited under the law of the relevant country (“certificate of no impediment to marriage”), submitted together with the following documents:
 - (a) certificates showing that the foreigner is a bachelor or not married anymore (evidence of divorce or the spouse’s death), the foreigner’s permanent address and occupation in the relevant country, the foreigner’s income, and that the foreigner is of good character or has no criminal record, all to be submitted in a relevant language (e.g., Burmese or English) and properly certified by a notary or



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the relevant embassy; if the foreigner is self-employed, the business certificate/license issued by the relevant authority must also be submitted;

- (b) certificate from the relevant country stating whether Myanmar women or men who marry a national of the other country are eligible for citizenship;
- (c) certificate or law from the relevant country stating whether children born to the parents mentioned in the above paragraph are eligible for citizenship.

3. Existing legal provisions, directives and orders concerning the taking of marriage affidavits shall continue to apply alongside this directive.

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Chief Justice of the Union

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