

Establishing Your ID (Overseas Citizens)

If you are a citizen of a country other than Australian you must satisfy your celebrant of your identity by providing:-

- **Evidence of birth** - an original birth certificate (where possible) and where this cannot be provided a valid passport from another country. You must also be able to provide the celebrant with full details of:-
 - Name Given at Birth
 - Date of Birth
 - Place of Birth
 - Father's Full Maiden Name & Country of Birth
 - Mother's Full Name & Country of Birth
- **Proof of Conjugal Status** - where a person has never been married it is not necessary to provide proof but where a previous marriage has ended through death of a spouse, divorce or annulment of a previous marriage supporting documents (eg., death certificate, letter of divorce, decree absolute or certificate of annulment) will be required. A person who has never been married is afforded the conjugal status of – *never validly married*.
- **Evidence of Changed Names** – where your current name is different to that on your birth certificate it is required that you demonstrate to your celebrant the trail of your changed names. In most cases this will be previous marriage or divorce papers.

Having established your **formal ID**, the celebrant **must** use that name on all official paperwork associated with the marriage. Where special circumstance might apply it is wise to talk this over with your celebrant

Additional Information

In addition to the above information your celebrant may require you to make a statutory declaration in support of the evidence you might have provided which is not fully supported by documentation. An **intentional false** statement on a Statutory Declaration is a serious offence carrying a penalty of up to four (4) years imprisonment

It should be noted that if you **cannot** demonstrate acceptable evidence of date, place of birth and of your own identity and conjugal status, your Celebrant **cannot legally** undertake a marriage.

Translation of Documents

If your documents of identification and conjugal status are not in English your celebrant may request that you have the documents officially translated and certified as genuine by an authorised translator. If you are already in Australia and you need documents translated contact NAAFTI at:- <http://www.naati.com>