

Wedding checklist

The following checklist outlines the key legal and administrative steps to help you successfully navigate your wedding preparations.

Core steps:

- ☐ **Determine marriage type:** decide on the type of ceremony (civil, church, concordat, ecumenical, humanist) as this dictates the required paperwork.
- ☐ **Gather required documents:** collect all necessary documents (ID, birth certificates, proof of previous marriage termination, etc.).
- ☐ **Translate and authenticate:** if any documents are foreign, ensure they are translated by a sworn translator and authenticated with an Apostille (if applicable).
- ☐ **Apply at the USC:** submit the application and required documents to the local Register Office (*Urząd Stanu Cywilnego, USC*).
- ☐ **Fulfill waiting period:** be aware of the one-month waiting period after submitting the application before the marriage can take place.
- ☐ **Attend ceremony:** hold the wedding ceremony according to the chosen type (civil, church, etc.).
- ☐ **Register marriage:** ensure the marriage is officially registered (especially important for church or humanist ceremonies).

Highly recommended:

- ☐ **Contact your embassy (for international couples):** international couples should contact their embassy for specific guidance on legal requirements and documentation.
- ☐ **Plan for name change (if applicable):** if either spouse plans to change their name, understand the necessary procedures and documentation.