

**SPECIFIED EVIDENCE**

**MARRIAGE BY BANNS OR COMMON LICENCE**



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SPECIFIED EVIDENCE OF BRITISH/EEA/SWISS NATIONALITY**

Both parties to the marriage must provide specified evidence that they are UK/EEA/Swiss nationals prior to applying for a Common Licence, or prior to the publication of banns.

**Specified evidence means:**

1. Current UK/EEA/Swiss Passport; **OR**
2. Current National Identity Card from an EEA country or Switzerland;

*If each party can produce one of the above, this is all that is required. If not, see 3-5 below.*

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3. Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen from the Secretary of State PLUS one of the documents in section 6 below (to establish current use of name); **OR**

4. **IF BORN BEFORE 01/01/1983** a UK birth certificate PLUS one of the documents in section 6 below; **OR**

5. **IF BORN BETWEEN 01/01/1983 and 30/06/2006<sup>1</sup>:**

- a. a full UK birth certificate<sup>2</sup> PLUS
- b. proof that one parent was a British National or proof that they had indefinite leave to remain in the UK at the time of the birth<sup>3</sup> PLUS
- c. [if relying on the father as the British National, the parents' marriage certificate] PLUS
- d. one of the documents in section 6 below.

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6. **PROOF OF CURRENT USE OF NAME (see sections 3-5 above).**

- a. Utility bill (from last 3 months)
- b. Bank or Building Society statement (from last 1 month)
- c. Council Tax bill (from last 12 months)
- d. Mortgage Statement (from last 12 months)
- e. Current Tenancy Agreement; or
- f. Valid full UK Driving Licence or provisional Driving Licence; or
- g. Validly executed Deed Poll changing name PLUS one of (a) to (f) above showing current use of the (changed) name.

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7. If a party to the marriage has changed their name from that shown on any of the above documentation, they also need to provide evidence of the change (deed poll, previous marriage certificate, decree absolute etc).

<sup>1</sup> Different identity requirements apply for those born on or after 1 July 2006, but this will not become relevant for marriages until at least 2022. Updated guidance will be provided in due course

<sup>2</sup> I.e. a birth certificate that shows parents' full names

<sup>3</sup> E.g. British passport which was valid at the time of the birth, or parent's UK birth certificate from before 01/01/1983. If in doubt please contact Diocesan Registry for advice.

BRIDE

GROOM

**1 – Valid UK/Swiss/EEA Passport**

*Tick if relevant*



**2 – Valid Swiss/EEA National ID Card**

*Tick if relevant.*




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**3 - Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen**

*Tick if relevant AND GO TO q6*



**4 – UK Birth Certificate (before 01/01/1983)**

*Tick if relevant AND GO TO q6*



**5 – UK Birth Certificate (on or after 01/01/1983)**

*Tick if relevant AND GO TO q5b & q6*



5b – Proof that parent was UK national at time of birth

*Tick if relevant.*



5c – Parent's marriage certificate if applicable (see overleaf)

*Tick if relevant.*




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**6 – Proof of current use of name**

*Write a,b,c,d,e or f in box*




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**7 - Evidence of change of name (if applicable)**

*Tick if relevant*



I have seen the **original** documents listed above and am therefore satisfied that both Bride and Groom are Relevant Nationals for the purpose of the *Marriage Act 1949*

Signature

Penlee Cluster of Churches

Print Name

Date