#### Consulate General of India Chicago

Consulate General of India, Chicago serves the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin. Only the applicants residing in these states are eligible to apply at this Consulate.

## Before visit in person or sending by post

Please visit the website,

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#### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

Any queries / clarifications regarding 'Marriage Certificate' may please be sent at email address : cons.chicago@mea.gov.in with the subject 'Miscellaneous Services – Marriage Certificate'. The applicants must provide full facts and details of the case while writing the e-mail. The applicants are also required to provide their complete contact details (along-with their reachable contact number) so that they may be contacted accordingly while addressing their issues.

Please note that Marriage certificate is issued on the basis of entries in the most recent Indian passport of the applicant and his / her spouse.

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Download the Miscellaneous Application Form. Fill and sign the application form. In case of those who can not sign, provide thumb impression (Right Hand Thumb Impression for female

and left hand thumb impression for male). Each applicant is required to fill up separate miscellaneous application form and affix his / her recent passport size photograph.

2. Applicant and spouse are required to separately submit dully filled and signed Self Sworn Marriage Affidavit.

3. Applicant and spouse holding Indian passport are required to provide notarized copy of first five pages and last two pages of their passports. In case, applicant or spouse holds passport other than Indian, they have to submit notarized copy of current valid passport as well as notarized copy of last held Indian passport.

4. Applicant should provide a notarized copy of the document showing valid US Visa Status. Please refer to the notes section below to see list of documents which are accepted as valid US Visa status. This is not applicable to US nationals.

5. Provide a notarized copy of proof of current US residence address. Please refer to the notes section below to see list of documents which are accepted as residence proof.

6. Fee: A fee of US\$25.00 (Twenty-Five Only) per copy and an additional fee of US\$2.00 (Two Only) towards Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) per application. The fees should be paid in two separate money order / cashier's cheques, drawn in the favour of 'Consulate General of India, Chicago'.

The fee charged is non-refundable. Cash, personal cheques, debit / credit cards or other banking instruments are not accepted.

7. Please send a self-addressed traceable pre-paid return mailing envelope (USPS 'Express Mail' or FEDEX, UPS etc.) to receive the Marriage Certificate back by post.

8. All the above-mentioned required documents should be sent along-with the requisite fee and the traceable pre-paid return mailing envelope to the Consulate at the following address :

Consulate General of India, Chicago 455 North Cityfront Plaza Suite 850, NBC Tower Chicago, IL 60611

9. Please mention 'Miscellaneous Consular Services' on top of the envelope. Please wait 3-4 days after sending the documents before contacting the Consulate to know the status of your case.

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There is no need to take an appointment for this service. Applicants could visit the Consulate on any working day between 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM. The service will be on first come first serve basis.

2. All the above-mentioned documents must be presented in duplicate (i.e. in original along with the photocopy) to the Consular Officer.

# 3. Fee : As mentioned above. CASH, PERSONAL CHEQUES, CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS OR OTHER BANKING INSTRUMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED..

4. Traceable pre-paid return mailing envelope is not required as the a Marriage Certificate will be handed over to you on the same day.

#### Important Notes

NOTE 1 The following documents are accepted as valid US Visa status (any one of the following):

The page containing visa on passport (H1B, H4 etc) and I-94. Green Card. Employment Authorization Document (Work Permit). I-797, I-140 or I-20 (If approval copy of these notices are pending, also attach a handwritten note detailing the efforts being taken to regularize status).

NOTE 2 The following documents are accepted as a proof of current US residence address (any one of the following) :

U.S. Drivers license. PG&E, Water or land-line telephone bill displaying applicant's address. House Lease Agreement. State Identification Card.

NOTE 3 Bank/credit card/mobile phone statements are not accepted as residence proof.

NOTE 4 The photocopies whether notarized or un-notarized must be legible enough otherwise Consulate may ask to see the original.

NOTE 5 Only recent photographs of the applicant should be used wherever necessary.

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2. Same day, however, if unforeseen technical reasons occur, services can be delayed till those problems are resolved. Presently this option remains suspended.

3. The above time is also subject to timely submission of all the requisite documents by the applicant.