



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**

Reference No. 21CRS02-05-0777

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021-07**

TO : ALL CITY/MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRARS/OICs,  
PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SERVICE POST OFFICIALS  
AND STAFF, AND CONCERNED PSA OFFICIALS AND  
EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT : Diplomatic Note Issued by the Canadian Embassy

Date : 12 May 2021

The Embassy of Canada issued a diplomatic note to Department of Foreign Affairs wherein the former is requesting for assistance to facilitate the issuance of marriage license to its citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic upon presentation of a locally notarized *Affidavit in lieu of the Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage*.

Unlike the Philippines, the Government of Canada does not keep a central statistical registry of marriages and does not issue certificates of non-impediment.

In view of the foregoing and the issuance of PSA Memorandum Circular No. 2021-04 concerning the Local or Philippine Notarization of Affidavits in lieu of Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage, the Local Civil Registrars may issue marriage license to Canadian citizens upon presentation of a locally notarized *Affidavit in lieu of the Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage* during the ongoing pandemic. Attached hereto are the Diplomatic Note No. 21-034 and sample form of the *Affidavit in lieu of Certificate of Non-impediment to Marriage* provided by the Canadian Embassy.

For your information and guidance.

**CLAIRE DENNIS S. MAPA, Ph.D.**  
Undersecretary  
National Statistician and Civil Registrar General

DNSLM/MBG/ECC/RDF

Attachments:

1. Diplomatic Note No. 21-034
2. Affidavit in lieu of Certificate of Non-impediment to Marriage (Sample Form)



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Telephone: (632) 8938-5267  
[www.psa.gov.ph](http://www.psa.gov.ph)

**NOTE NO. 21-034**

The Embassy of Canada presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to request assistance in facilitating the issuance of marriage licenses to Canadian citizens during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic upon presentation of a locally notarized Affidavit in lieu of Certificate of Non-Impediment to Marriage.

Any foreign national who wishes to marry in the Philippines is required by the Philippine Government to obtain from his/her Embassy or Consulate in the Philippines, a Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage before filing an application for a marriage license. This certification affirms that there are no legal impediments to the proposed marriage.

Unlike the Philippines, the Government of Canada does not keep a central statistical registry of marriages and does not issue certificates of non-impediment.

In light of the ongoing pandemic and the recent issuance of the Philippine Statistics Authority's Memorandum Circular No 2021-04, concerning the Local or Philippine Notarization of Affidavits in lieu of Certificates of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage,

we request assistance in facilitating the issuance of marriage licenses to Canadian citizens upon presentation of an locally notarized Affidavit in lieu of Certificate of Non- Impediment to Marriage. Attached is the affidavit format to be used for Canadian citizens seeking marriage licences in the Philippines.

The Embassy of Canada avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

MANILA, 19 April 2021



# AFFIDAVIT IN LIEU OF CERTIFICATE OF NON-IMPEDIMENT TO MARRIAGE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Given name/s, Middle Name, Surname)* *(Day - Month - Year)*

swear/affirm that:

- I am aware that this document is not a Certificate of Non-Impediment to marriage.
- I am a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_, holder of \_\_\_\_\_ Passport  
*(Country)* *(Country)*  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ issued on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Day - Month - Year)* *(Town/City and Country)*

- I permanently reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Complete address in Canada)*

- I temporarily reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Complete address in the Philippines)*

- My current marital status is: *Check appropriate box:*  
 single and never married;  
 divorced/annulled; or  
 widowed

- I was previously married to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Philippines / Canada and have subsequently obtained an original / certified copy of my Divorce Order / Annulment Order / late spouse's Death

Certificate issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Government authority/court)* *(Province/State, Country)* *(Day - Month - Year)*

- Check appropriate box:*
- I have an original copy of the documentary proof stated above
  - I have a photocopy of the documentary proof stated above

- I wish to get married in the Philippines to \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full name of fiancée)*  
born on \_\_\_\_\_, a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ and residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Day - Month - Year)* *(Country)*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Fiance's complete address)*

- I am fully aware that in signing this Affidavit, there is no guarantee that the marriage I intend to enter into will be recognized as valid in the Philippines or in Canada.

and I make this affidavit conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Affiant)*

Sworn before me at \_\_\_\_\_

this, \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC *(affix signature, stamp and seal)*