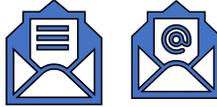


NULLA OSTA FOR MARRIAGE

For refugees recognized in Italy, UNHCR Office in Rome is entitled to issue the “*Nulla Osta*” for marriage. The procedure is **free of charge**.



The refugee can send the application request to: **UNHCR, in Via Leopardi 24, 00185 Rome**, or through e-mail PEC (protection.unhcr@pec.it) or come directly to our office¹ with the following documentation:



- a) **Affidavit (*Atto Notorio or Atto Notarile*)**: formal written statement setting out the unmarried status) issued in the past 6 months by a Court of the City or by a notary, in the presence of two witnesses stating that you are free to marry/have not been married.
- b) Copy of **Decree of recognition of refugee status** issued by the Territorial Commission;
- c) Copy of the **valid residence permit**;
- d) Copy of a **valid document of the future spouse**;
- e) **Address and telephone number** of the refugee.

Once you have obtained the “*Nulla Osta*” from our office, you need to notarize the mentioned document at the competent *Prefettura*.

For asylum seekers/beneficiaries of subsidiary protection/beneficiaries of other kind of protection/appellants, please find here below information concerning marriage in Italy.

First of all, you need to **request the bans of matrimony to the Civil State Officer** of the Municipality where you have the residence. This means that before asking the bans you need to have the residence. Once you have the residence, you can request the bans of matrimony to the Civil State Officer. For the wedding bans, several documents are required including:

¹ Please see visiting hours at the following link <https://www.unhcr.org/it/chi-siamo/contatti/>

The **documents of both partners** and **unmarried certificate**, if you don't have the chance to request this document to your embassy because, for example, you have a residence permit for asylum seeker and you don't want to have contact with the authority of your country of origin, you can replace this document with an **Affidavit (*Atto Notorio or Atto Notarile***: formal written statement setting out the unmarried status) issued in the past 6 months by a Court of the City or by a notary, in the presence of two witnesses stating that you are free to marry/have not been married.

In the case that the Civil State Officer rejects your request, you will be able to appeal the decision.



For eventual further information you can contact UNHCR, e-mail itaroprotection@unhcr.org, toll free number **800 093222**.