

# MARRYING IN TURKEY

## REQUIREMENTS FOR BRITISH NATIONALS



*Formal documentation is requested by the United Kingdom and Turkish authorities to marry in Turkey.*

1. The easiest method is for each British National to obtain a Certificate of Non Impediment from the local registrar in the town where they reside in the UK, before travelling to Turkey. This will take approximately three weeks or 21 days. With this document you will need to produce:

- **Your passport / Identification**
- **Your fiance's passport / Identification**
- **Your divorce papers i.e. decree absolute and / or death certificate of the spouse if applicable**
- **Your FULL birth certificate**

You may apply to the British Consulate General in Istanbul or Izmir or the British Vice-Consulate in Antalya or the British Embassy in Ankara.

Your Certificate of Non Impediment will be reproduced in the Turkish language. In addition, you will be requested to make a sworn Declaration as to your status i.e. divorced / single / widowed, confirming that you are free to marry.

Please note that a Certificate of Non Impediment issued by the Registrar in Scotland is valid for three months from the date of issue and should be presented to a British Mission abroad before the expiry date. Certificates of Non Impediment issued in England do not have a validity restriction.

### **What to do if you do not have a Certificate of Non Impediment issued from the UK.**

2. You must be resident in Turkey for 21 days, before applying to the appropriate British Mission in Turkey, providing all documents as listed in paragraph 1 above, with the exception of your Certificate of Non Impediment. A Notice of your intention to marry will then be posted in the Consulate / Embassy premises for a further 21 days. On the 22nd day, you should again come to the Consulate / Embassy, when a Certificate of Non Impediment will be issued in the Turkish language. Again a Declaration by yourself, confirming your eligibility to marry, must be done.
3. In both cases your documents must be legalised by the Turkish Authorities, either by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ankara or the Governor in Antalya, Istanbul or Izmir. When you call at the consulate or Embassy, staff will explain where to go and what to do.
4. It is no longer necessary for divorced women to wait 300 days from the date of their Decree Absolute to marry in Turkey, nor is it necessary to undergo a medical examination at a state hospital in Turkey.