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Notification of a marriage should be made at the city, ward, town or village office.

Foreign nationals living in Japan should make a notification of a marriage in accordance with the Family Register Law. A foreign national does not obtain Japanese nationality by making a notification of their marriage.

Foreign nationals who have married a Japanese national and would like to change their status of residence (zairyu shikaku) to a spouse of a Japanese (nihonjin no haigusha) should consult the immigration bureau/office.

Immigration Services Agency of Japan, Foreign Residents General Information Center 0570-013904  
(IP, Overseas: 03-5796-7112)

A marriage should be reported to the government of the individual's nationality. For information of procedures, consult the relevant embassy or consulate.

The conditions for the conclusion of a marriage vary according to the country. Japanese nationals must fulfill the conditions required in Japan, and foreign nationals must fulfill the conditions required in their country.

- (1) Period of notification: Voluntary
- (2) Notification applicant: The married couple (both people)
- (3) Place of notification: The city, ward, town or village office of the address of either person or of their family register (honseki). (When you are getting married to a Japanese national)

In Nishinomiya City it is:

Nishinomiya City Hall, Civic Affairs Division 0798-35-3128  
(Nishinomiya Shiyakusho, Shimin-ka)

It is also possible to report to each Branch Office, Civic Service Centers  
(both excluding Sat, Sun and holidays), or ACTA Nishinomiya Civic Service Station.



- (4) Required documents:

1. Notification of a Marriage Form (Konin Todoke Sho)  
(This is available at city, ward, town and village offices and must have the signature of two attestors.)
2. Certificate of family register for all items (Japanese Nationals)
3. Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage (Konin Yoken Gubi Shomei Sho) (Foreign Nationals)  
(This is a document to certify there is no impediment to the marriage. The document is issued by an embassy or consulate. If it is written in a foreign language, a translation of it must be made and presented at the same time.)  
(Those who cannot obtain this document should, with the help of a person who understands Japanese, contact the city, ward, town or village office.)
4. Identification of one's nationality (Passport, etc.)
5. Identity verification (Driver's License, Passport, etc.)

**Note** The authorities responsible for applications, procedures, services and the naming of these may vary. For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.