

It's nearly time to call your banns – an ID checklist for couples and churches



Congratulations! It's nearly time to call your banns. To make sure everything is legal, all couples wishing to be married in the Church of England by banns must provide original identification documents to the vicar who'll be publishing the banns. We'll also need to see proof of your current address.



Proof of UK/Irish Nationality or Settled Status for EU Nationals

Option 1 – Passport, Certificate of Registration/Naturalisation/Evidence of Status

a valid (current) UK / Irish passport;

- OR** Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen from the Secretary of State plus proof of current use of name;
- OR** For those with Settled or Pre-Settled Status under the EU Settlement Scheme: A Share Code issued from www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status. This code is valid for 30 days. Or an email to our Church Office from the church where the wedding will take place, confirming they have checked your status.

If both of you can show us one of these documents, the only other thing we need is evidence of your current address. If not, you need to bring the documents described below.

Option 2 – for anyone without a passport and born before 01/01/1983

a UK birth certificate

- AND** proof of current use of name (see list below)

Option 3 – for anyone without a passport and born on or after 01/01/1983

a full UK birth certificate (i.e. a birth certificate that shows parents' full names)

- AND** proof that one parent was a British National or proof that they had indefinite leave to remain in the UK at the time of the person's birth (e.g. parent's UK birth certificate from before 01/01/1983)
- AND** [if relying on the father as the British National] the parents' marriage certificate
- AND** proof of current use of name (see list below)

Evidence of current address and current use of name

Please bring **one** of the following with your name and current address on it

- Utility bill (from last 3 months)
- Bank or Building Society statement (from last 1 month)
- Council Tax bill (from last 12 months)
- Mortgage Statement (from last 12 months)
- Current Residential Tenancy Agreement;
- Valid full UK Driving Licence or provisional Driving Licence.



Change of name

If either of you has changed your name from that shown on any of the above documentation, you need to provide evidence of the change (e.g. deed poll, previous marriage certificate, decree absolute).