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Marital Status Declaration Instructions in English

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REMEMBER THAT YOUR DECLARATION MUST BE PRINTED ON THE LAWYER'S HEADED NOTEPAPER OR BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER FROM THE LAWYER CONFIRMING THAT HE/SHE HAS DRAWN UP THE DECLARATION.

In order for your lawyer to prepare the unsigned declaration you must decide whether you would prefer to take an affirmation or an oath (sworn on the bible) on the day of your appointment at the consulate.

The wording of your declaration can be in English or Spanish but it is essential that you understand what you are declaring. The wording you use is decided between yourself and the lawyer but you must include the details set out below:

It is essential that the text of the declaration is drawn up in the first person starting with reference to your name and surname, given that you are the person who will be making the declaration at the Consulate i.e. **"I, Mr/Miss. Forename Surname ..."**.

1.- AFFADAVIT [DECLARATION SWORN ON THE BIBLE]

"I, (Insert your full name & surname as they appear on your **passport**), resident at (insert your current address)holder of Passport number of full age, **MAKE**

OATH and say as follows:

- i) (insert information from point 3 below in numbered paragraphs)
- ii.)
- iii.)

2.- AFFIRMATION [DECLARATION WITHOUT THE BIBLE]

"I, (Insert your full name & surname as they appear on your **passport**), resident at (insert your current address)holder of Passport number of full age,

AFFIRM and say as follows:

- i) (insert information from point 3 below in numbered paragraphs)
- ii.)
- iii.)

3.- NECESSARY DETAILS TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR UNSIGNED DECLARATION

- i) Your forename(s) and surname(s) as they appear on your British passport
- ii) Your current address
- iii) Place of birth
- iv) Date of birth
- v) Your mother's forename(s) and surname(s) as they appear on your birth certificate
- vi) Your father's forename(s) and surname(s) as they appear on your birth certificate
- vii) Your British passport number
- viii) Passport issuing authority (e.g. FCO, London, IPS, HMPO etc...)
- viv)Passport date of issue

4.- AT THE END OF YOUR UNSIGNED DECLARATION YOU MUST INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

I have never been married or in a civil partnership* before and I am single
Or

I have been married before and I am now divorced
Or

I have been married before and I am now widowed
Or

I have been in a civil partnership* which is now dissolved/annulled
Or

I have been in a civil partnership* with a person who is now deceased

*Note: If you have previously been registered in a Spanish *Unión de Hecho* or *Pareja de Hecho* and have never been married before, you are single.

5.- THE CLAUSE

Your unsigned declaration must finish off with a clause at the end of the document, as detailed below. **Leave all of this blank** in the unsigned declaration as you will have to sign (as well as swear or affirm) the document before a British Consular Officer on the day of your appointment at the consulate:

Clause for AFFIDAVIT [declaration sworn on the bible]

“**SWORN** at the British Consulate at/British Consulate General at
theLEAVE BLANK..... day of.....LEAVE BLANK..... 20...
SignatureLEAVE BLANK
Before meLEAVE BLANK”

Clause for AFFIRMATION [declaration without the bible]

“**AFFIRMED** at the British Consulate at/British Consulate General at
theLEAVE BLANK..... day of.....LEAVE BLANK..... 20...
SignatureLEAVE BLANK
Before meLEAVE BLANK”