

## FRA – 010 Application for Certificate of Célibat & Certificate of Coutume)

Sri Lankan nationals residing in France and other concurrently accredited countries which include Spain, Portugal, Monaco and Andorra.

**Where to apply:** forward your application to the following office.

Respective Country		Office and Contact details
France Spain Portugal Monaco Andorra	Visiting Address } Mailing Address }  General Contacts }  Email :  Website:  Consular hours:	Embassy of Sri Lanka in France 16 Rue Spontini, 75016 Paris  Tel: 0033 155 73 31 31 Fax: 0033 155 73 18 79  <a href="mailto:Consular@srilankaembassy.fr">Consular@srilankaembassy.fr</a>  <a href="http://www.srilankaembassy.fr">http://www.srilankaembassy.fr</a>  <b>Monday to Friday (Except public Holidays)</b> <b>Receiving applications: 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.</b> <b>Issuance of documents: 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.</b>

The Embassy issues the Certificate of Célibat and Certificate of Coutume upon request made by Sri Lankan nationals living in France.

The Certificate will be handed over to the applicant. Applicants are requested to provide the correct address of the Town Council where the applicant expects to register his/her marriage.

Once the applicants submit their applications to a Town Council for registration of marriage, the notice of marriage will be received by the Embassy from the Town Council. If the Embassy has issued the Certificate to the Sri Lankan national(s) mentioned in the said notice, it will be displayed in the public area of the Embassy for 14 days for public attention. After 14 days, the Embassy will inform the relevant Town Council, whether the Embassy has received any objection/response for the marriage. The absence of objection for said marriage will only be issued by this Embassy if both parties have obtained the Certificate from the Embassy.

Notices of marriage received from Town Councils relating to Sri Lankan national(s) who had not obtained the Certificate from the Embassy will not be displayed at the Embassy for public attention and will not be responded to. Applicants are therefore advised to obtain them from the Embassy following the established formalities before applying for marriage registration at the Town Council.

All documents in foreign languages should be submitted with an official translation in English. All Documents issued by the French authorities should be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France with respective signatures and seals.

## 1. Steps to be taken and checklist

Description	Important remarks
<p><b>Application process and Documents to be submitted</b></p>	<p>➤ Application form</p> <p>1. Unmarried certificate – if the parents are living in Sri Lanka, either mother or father has to get an unmarried certificate stating that their son/daughter is not married and remains as a bachelor/Spinster by a Justice Peace (J.P.) and copy of the Birth certificate of the parent.</p> <p>If parents are living in France, either mother or father who is holding the Sri Lankan passport and immigrant visa must come to the Embassy along with his/her original passport and Immigrant visa and submit an affidavit stating that their son/daughter is not married and remains as a bachelor/Spinster.</p> <p>Statement of the “Justice Peace” should be legalized by the Divisional Secretary of said area and certified from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>2. Valid Immigrant visa and a photocopy/ if the applicant does not have an immigrant visa, he or she has to submit the Commission reject legalized by the French Foreign Ministry.</p> <p>3. Valid Sri Lankan passport and a photocopy</p> <p>4. Original Birth Certificate and a photocopy</p> <p>Special arrangements may be made to issue the Certificates for applicants who are divorcees in France or widow/widower whose spouse has passed-away in France. In such cases following additional documents should be submitted by the applicant with the authorisation from the Consular Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Original Death Certificate of former spouse legalized by the ministry of the relevant country.</li> <li>II. Certification from the Town Council of the applicant's place of residence confirming that he/she has not registered a marriage</li> <li>III. Divorce Certificate legalized by the ministry of the relevant country.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Applicable Fee:</b></p>	<p>Government fee: <u>célibat 31€</u>, <u>coutume 25€</u>, <u>no objection letter 25€</u> and <u>Affidavit 40€</u>.</p>
<p><b>Payment method:</b></p>	<p>If the applicant physically visits the Embassy, he/she can pay by cash. Note: Crédit/Debit cards and personal or company cheques will not be accepted.</p>
<p><b>Special notes important:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fees will not be refunded under any circumstance after issuance of an official receipt.</li> <li>- Translations will not be accepted as originals.</li> <li>- All photocopies should be on A4 size paper</li> <li>- Embassy will attest the documents and return the originals to the applicant.</li> </ul>