

**Macao Special Administrative Region Government
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Acceptance Standard for Documents Required in Application for Residence Authorization

1. Certificate of marital relation

[Note: The original document should be exhibited for authentication if a copy is submitted.]

For all applications for Residence Authorization and renewal of the Authorization on the basis of spouse reunion, an **official certificate of marital relation (see table below) and a declaration Remark 1,2 of the interested person and his / her spouse (claiming to be maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)** should be submitted.

Application	Place of Issue	Requirement
Residence Authorization	Macao SAR	Certificate of latest Macao marriage registration issued within 90 days
	Mainland China	(1) Applications by holders of a Permit for Travelling to Hong Kong and Macao: Original marriage certificate or notarial marriage certificate (issued within 6 months Remark 5) (2) Other applications: Notarial marriage certificate issued within 6 months Remark 5
	Hong Kong SAR	Original marriage certificate or true copy of marriage certificate (issued within 6 months Remark 5) archived at the office of the Registrar in Hong Kong
	Region of Taiwan	Original marriage certificate + household registry transcript / household register of the Region of Taiwan (bearing the marriage registration) issued within 6 months Remark 5
	Other Regions	(1) In cases where the marriage registration system is the same as that in Macao (e.g. Angola...etc.): Certificate of latest marriage registration issued by the authorities within 6 months Remark 5, subject to authentication or verification Remark 3, 4, 5 (2) In other cases: Original marriage certificate subject to authentication or verification Remark 3, 4, 5
Renewal of Residence Authorization Renewal of Residence Authorization	Macao SAR	Certificate of latest Macao marriage registration issued within 90 days
	Other Regions	(1) In cases where the local marriage registration system is the same as that in Macao (e.g. Angola...etc.): A. Certificate of latest marriage registration issued by the authorities within 6 months Remark 5, subject to authentication or verification Remark 3, 4, 5 B. If the interested person cannot present the above certificate, request to submit a substitute can be granted according to the circumstances – declarations of the interested person, the spouse and 2 testifiers (attesting that the two are maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)

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		(2) In cases where the local marriage registration system is not the same as that in Macao: Declaration of the interested person, the spouse and 2 testifiers (attesting that the two are maintaining marital relation and cohabiting)
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2. Certificate of de facto marital relation

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For all applications for Residence Authorization and renewal of the Authorization on the basis of de facto marital relation, an **official certificate of no marriage, divorce or death certificate of spouse (see table below) and 2 testifiers attesting that the de facto marital relation between the interested person and his / her partner has been maintained for at least two years** should be submitted.

Application	Category	Requirement
Residence Authorization	Certificate of de facto Marital Relation (in accordance with Article 1472 of the Civil Code)	(1) Declaration of the interested person, the de facto marriage partner and two testifiers Remark 1, 2 (attesting that the interested person and his / her partner have been cohabiting voluntarily like husband and wife for at least two years) (2) Certificate of No Marriage Record / Registration issued within 6 months Remark 5 by the competent authorities of the place of origin (or issued within 90 days in Macao) if both parties have never been married; authentication or verification Remark 3, 4, 5 is required if the certificate is issued in a place other than Mainland China, the Macao SAR, the Hong Kong SAR and the Region of Taiwan (3) Certificate of marriage dissolution if any party had married before: A. Issued in the Macao SAR: Certificate of marriage registration bearing the marriage dissolution record (issued within 90 days) B. Issued in the Hong Kong SAR: Divorce certificate (affixed with a confirmation stamp of the competent authorities of Hong Kong within 6 months Remark 5) C. Issued in the Region of Taiwan: Original divorce certificate + household registry transcript / household register of the Region of Taiwan bearing the divorce record (issued within 6 months Remark 5) D. Issued in Mainland China: Notarial divorce certificate (issued within 6 months Remark 5) E. Issued in other places: Certificate is subject to authentication or verification Remark 3, 4, 5 (issued within 6 months Remark 5) (4) Death certificate of the original spouse if any party is a widow / widower (see the requirements for death certificate for details)

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Type of Application	Place of Issue	Requirement
Renewal of Residence Authorization	Certificate of de facto Marital Relation (in accordance with Article 1472 of the Civil Code)	Declaration of the interested person, the de facto marriage partner and two testifiers ^{Remark 1,2} (attesting that the interested person and his / her partner have been cohabiting voluntarily like husband and wife for at least two years)

3. Birth / adoption / death certificate and certificate of no criminal record

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Type of Certificate	Place of Issue	Requirement
Birth / Adoption / Death Certificate	Macao SAR	Certificate of birth registration / adoption / death issued by the Macao Civil Affairs Registry (within 90 days)
	Mainland China	(1) Applications by holders of a Permit for Travelling to Hong Kong and Macao: Birth medical certificate / adoption certificate or notarial birth / adoption / death certificate issued by the competent authorities of Mainland China (within 6 months ^{Remark 5}) (2) Other applications: Notarial birth / adoption / death certificate issued by the competent authorities of Mainland China (within 6 months ^{Remark 5})
	Hong Kong SAR	Certificate of birth registration / adoption / death issued by the competent authorities of Hong Kong (within 6 months ^{Remark 5})
	Region of Taiwan	Original birth / adoption / death certificate + household registry transcript / household register of the Region of Taiwan bearing the birth / adoption / death record (issued within 6 months ^{Remark 5})
	Others	Birth / adoption / death certificate issued by the competent authorities of the country is subject to authentication or verification ^{Remark 3, 4, 5} (issued within 6 months ^{Remark 5})

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Type of Certificate	Place of Issue	Requirement
Certificate of Criminal Record Issued in Latest Place of Domicile	Macao SAR	Certificate of Criminal Record issued by the Macao Identification Services Bureau (within 90 days)
	Mainland China	Notarial Certificate of Criminal Record issued by the competent authorities of Mainland China. The certificate acceptance standard differs according to the application type: (1) Application for Residence Authorization by holders of a Permit for Travelling to Hong Kong and Macao: date of issue and last date of criminal record should be within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>) (2) Other applications: issued within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>
	Hong Kong SAR	Certificate of No Criminal Conviction issued by the Hong Kong Police Headquarters (within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>)
	Region of Taiwan	Police Criminal Record Certificate issued by the Police of the Region of Taiwan (within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>)
	Vietnam	Judicial Record Card No.2 issued by the competent authorities of Vietnam is subject to authentication or verification <i>Remark 3, 4, 5</i> (issued within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>)
	Italy	National Certificate of Criminal Record issued according to Article 24 of D.P.R. 313/2002 by the competent authorities of Italy is subject to authentication or verification <i>Remark 3, 4, 5</i> (issued within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>)
	Australia	National Police Certificate issued by the competent authorities of Australia based on a search of the person's name and fingerprints is subject to authentication or verification <i>Remark 3, 4, 5</i> (issued within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>)
	Others	National certificate of criminal record issued by the competent authorities of the country is subject to authentication or verification <i>Remark 3, 4, 5</i> (issued within 6 months <i>Remark 5</i>)

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【Remark:

1. The signature of the interested person, the spouse (or de facto marriage partner) and / or the two witnesses on the declaration listed in Tables 1 and 2 serving as proof of (maintaining) marriage or de facto marital relation should be authenticated by the local competent authorities or the competent authorities of another country / region. Otherwise, the above persons are required to come **in person**, sign the declaration in front of the staff of the Residence and Stay Affairs Department and present the original of their identification document for authentication;
2. The template of 'Declaration of Conjugal Relation / De Facto Marital Relation' (format DARP/DARP M-4) will be provided by the service unit, or it can be downloaded from the Public Security Police Force's website and the Macao Government Portal;
3. Authentication or verification of foreign certificates or documents (not including those issued in Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR and the Region of Taiwan):
 - (1) Apostille authentication: If the country issuing the document has joined the Hague Convention, the document should be apostilled as concluded by the Convention;
 - (2) Consular authentication: The document should first be authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country where the applicant is located and then authenticated by the Chinese embassy or consulate located there (this type of authentication is not applicable if the country issuing the document has joined the Hague Convention);
 - (3) Diplomatic or consular mission verification: To facilitate the applicants, documents issued by the competent authorities of a foreign country and authenticated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of that country can also be accepted in the application if they are authenticated by that country's embassy or consulate located at a territory near Macao and meet our requirements;
 - (4) If the issuing countries have authentication waiver agreement with Macao (e.g. Portugal, East Timor and Cape Verde), documents issued by the competent authorities of those countries require no authentication.
4. If the certificates and documents submitted are not written in Chinese, Portuguese or English, they should be translated into any of these three languages. The translation should be authenticated, verified and handled accordingly as listed below:
 - (1) If the document is translated by a Chinese embassy or consulate located there, no authentication or verification is required **Remark 3**;
 - (2) If the document is translated by a professional translator accredited by a local official body, authentication or verification is required **Remark 3**;
 - (3) If the document is translated by a Macao notary public, a practicing lawyer or an appropriate translator, the translator should make an oath or pledge of honour in front of a notary public that the translation is true to the original (within 90 days from the date of notarization);
 - (4) If the document is not subject to authentication or verification **Remark 3**, its translation will not be subject to authentication or verification too **Remark 3**, except for those requested by the competent entity executing Law No. 16/2021 in accordance with Term 4, Article 14 of the Law.
5. The requirement that foreign documents are accepted only if they are issued or authenticated within 6 months is stipulated in Article 28 of Decree No. 5/98/M.】