

**IMPORTANT: Marrying in Antigua means that the only record of the wedding outside of Antigua is the marriage certificate, which is completed and given to you on your wedding day.**

#### *Civil Ceremony*

Ceremonies can be performed 24 business hours after arriving in Antigua and are subject to availability between 6:00am - 8:00pm (excluding public holidays).

A civil ceremony must be conducted by a marriage officer who is appointed by the state of Antigua and Barbuda and is legally recognised on the island. There is a fee of US\$100.00 for the marriage officer to conduct the service.

A valid passport OR a birth certificate OR valid picture ID i.e. Driver's Licence and immigration card, as well as a copy of these documents, are required and must be presented at the Registrar's office when applying for your marriage license.

If you are divorced, the original Decree Absolute stamped with the seal of the court where it was issued OR a certified copy of the Decree Absolute which includes the seal of the Court where it was issued is required.

If you are a widow/widower, the marriage certificate AND Death certificate of your spouse is required.

You must apply to the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, St. John's by completing and signing the appropriate application form. There is a cost of US\$150.00 to be paid upon application to the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs when you meet with the Registrar to conduct your interview. There is a cost of US\$40.00 to be paid upon application to the Registrar's Office; this is for registering at the Court House.

Copies of marriage certificates may be purchased at a cost of US\$10.00 per certificate from the Courthouse. They are typically ready for collection at least 48 business hours after the ceremony has been conducted.

Sounds overwhelming? Not to worry; your Wedding coordinator will organize all of the above for you.

#### *Church Ceremony*

If you would like to be married by a pastor or priest, the service must be conducted in a church.

You must first make contact with the pastor/priest of your church who will then contact a pastor/priest at the respective church in Antigua to move the process along. Proof of membership must be presented to the pastor. There are different fees that the church requires in order to conduct your ceremony and your pastor will confirm all fees with you, after he/she has spoken with a representative of the church in Antigua.

Over the years, Mill Reef wedding ceremonies have taken place at beautiful, historic churches across the island, including the St. Philip's Anglican Church, Her Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, and the Freetown Methodist Church.