

Power of Attorney

15.06 The Consul should not accept appointment under a Power of Attorney on behalf of a private person. The request should be directed to a responsible outside agency to act in the matter.

15.07 a. The Consular Officer should not allow a marriage ceremony to be performed in the Consular premises except in those cases where hardship would result from his refusal to do so. Nothing in this section should be construed as imposing upon any Consular Officer the obligation to allow any such marriage ceremony to be performed in the Consulate.

b. In exceptional cases the Consular Officer may, when requested, allow a marriage ceremony to be performed in the Consulate, provided that one of the contracting parties is a Canadian citizen, and provided that he has assured himself that the requirements of the law of the place of the celebration have been complied with.

c. Before allowing such a marriage ceremony to be performed in the Consulate, the Consular Officer should ascertain the following facts:

1. that the parties to the marriage may lawfully marry according to the *lex loci*;
2. that there is no apparent incapacity in either of the parties as a result whereof the marriage would not be recognized in Canada;