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**REVIEW OF CONDITIONS FOR MARRIAGE REGISTRATION
BY THE ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (AMA)**

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) has instituted measures to curb the registration of illegal customary marriages and issuance of fictitious marriage certificates.

2. By an official notification, the Assembly outlined the current requirements as follows:
- (a) All Customary Marriage Certificates shall be signed by the designated officers of the Assembly, with their personalized stamps,
 - (b) Parties to Customary Marriages shall indicate full residential addresses at the “**Places of Residence**” columns on the registration forms for possible visits,
 - (c) Parties to Customary Marriages as well as the declarant’s affidavits in support of customary application forms shall provide photocopies of any of the underlisted to authenticate their identities:
 - (i) valid voters I.D. card
 - (ii) valid driving license
 - (iii) appropriate page of a valid passport and,
 - (d) Upon receipt of the application forms, the public shall be notified of the intended registration of the customary marriage within 28 days as provided for under Part One Section 42 of the Marriage ACT 1884 – 1985.
3. Compatriots are kindly advised to take note of this administrative review for guidance in such circumstances.


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