Submit a request to add a spouse as a household member and dependant
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Purpose

This procedure is used by the Staff Member to add their spouse as a household member or dependant. The UN only recognizes one spouse, but you may use these procedures to add additional spouses. In this case, the additional spouses will have the status of household members and will be non-recognized spouses for UN purposes. Only the recognized spouse can be a dependant, provided all requirements for dependency are met.

Reference

Factsheets contain additional information on the different eligibility and documentation requirements for this subject.

This quick guide, the simulation and the factsheets are provided for information and navigational purposes only. The United Nations Staff Rules and Regulations, and Administrative Instructions are the authoritative documents on this subject and staff members should refer to those documents for the complete eligibility and documentation requirements as it pertains to their situation.

Intended Audience

• Staff Member

Global Process

This process begins after the Staff Member has logged into the Umoja portal.

1. Staff member presents offline all original documentation to the HR Partner or HR Administrator.

* HR Administrator can submit an application on behalf of the staff member when the staff member does not have access to ESS.
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2. **HR Partner** or **HR Administrator** verifies original documentation.

3. **Staff member** submits a request to add a household member and dependant through the Umoja Employee Self-Service portal. All required documents that have been verified by the **HR Partner** are attached to the submission.

4. **HR partner** reviews request.
   a. If the **HR partner** approves the submission. The spouse appears in the **staff members’ Family Members/Dependents** list.
   b. If the **HR partner** rejects the submission. The **staff member** is notified and the request is removed from the **Request in Process** section. The **staff member** must create a new request with the correct information and submit it for approval.

Pre-requisites

1. Present required documents to **HR Partner** prior to submitting request for verification of originals.

2. For establishing your spouse as Household member
   - **Passport for the spouse** showing date of birth and nationality; and
   - **Marriage certificate, certification of partnership or other certificate** showing proof of marriage or union to the staff member;

3. For establishing your spouse as a Dependant, the following document and verifications are also required:
   - **Spouse’s annual wage statement** demonstrating that the spouse is financially dependent (i.e. tax returns or pay stubs showing annual income below the established threshold to consider the spouse financially dependent, etc.). Refer to the Factsheets for the maximum earning thresholds.
   - **Verify** that your marital status has been updated in Personal Information, refer to the applicable Quick Reference for instructions.
   - **Verify** that you are not in receipt of secondary dependency allowance for a parent or sibling. Remember that if you have a secondary dependant, you will need to request to discontinue their dependency before you can apply for the dependency for your spouse.

Objectives

As part of the demonstration, we will show you:

- How to record your spouse as a household member.
- How to declare your spouse as a dependant.
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Scenario

A staff member was married on 4 March 2015 and submits a request to add a spouse as a dependant along with the required documents. The staff member has not claimed their parents or sibling as a dependant and the spouse’s income does not exceed the maximum earning requirements to be considered a dependant. Refer to Factsheets for the maximum earning thresholds.

Menu Path

Requests to add a spouse as a household member and dependant can be submitted using any one of the following menu paths:

- Employee Self-Service>Personal Information
- Employee Self-Service>Entitlements
- Employee Self-Service>Life and Work Events

You may use any of the three routes to access the dependency page, but for this demonstration, the request will be entered using the Employee Self-Service>Entitlements menu path.

Procedure

1. Start the transaction using the menu path: Employee Self-Service>Entitlements

Overview - Umoja qa portal - Q3J - Windows Internet Explorer
2. Click on the Employee Self-Service SM tab.

Employee Services

Status Overview
You can display an overview of the status of your open processes here.

Entitlements
In this area, you can access to your entitlements

Life and Work Events

3. Click on the Entitlements link.
Entitlements

4. Click on the Check Entitlement Eligibility link.

Entitlement Summary Launch Page

5. Click on the Apply On-line link.
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6. Click on the **Spouse & Rel.-Recog.** button to add your spouse.

The United Nations recognizes only one spouse, additional spouses can be added as household members by clicking the Non-Recognized Spouse tab and following the same procedures.

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7. Select or enter the Valid From date, using the DD.MM.YYYY format.

Valid From date in most cases is either:

- Date of marriage as it appears on your marriage certificate; or
- Your Entry on Duty date, if you are submitting the request after you were appointed or reappointed (otherwise, your HR Partner would have added them as dependants at that time).
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8. Enter the First Name of the spouse exactly as it appears on the official birth certificate or passport. Do not abbreviate or omit names.

9. Type the Last Name of the spouse, if different than the staff member's family name. Last name must be typed exactly as it appears on the official birth certificate or official passport. Do not abbreviate or omit names.
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10. Click on the drop down menu and select the spouse's gender. In this demonstration our spouse is "Male"

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11. Select or enter your spouse's Date of birth, using the DD.MM.YYYY format, as it appears on the official birth certificate or passport.
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12. Click on the drop down menu to select the UN recognized nationality of your spouse. If your spouse has more than one nationality, select the nationality s/he will be using for visa/travel purposes.

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13. Click on the drop down menu and select your spouse’s marital status. In this demonstration, "Marr&R" (Married and Related) is selected.
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14. Select or enter the Marital Status since date, using the DD.MM.YYYY format. This is the date of marriage as it appears on the marriage certificate.

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15. If your spouse resides with you, select the "Does the family member reside with the Staff Member?"
16. If your spouse is employed, select "Is the Spouse Employed?". Additional fields about your spouses' employment will appear next to the Marital Data section above.

If your spouse is employed you will need to complete additional information about their employment and income.

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17. Click on the drop down menu and select the Employer Type from the list. In this demonstration, the spouse is employed outside the UN.

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18. Click on the drop down menu and select the Work Duty Station from the list. In this demonstration, the spouse is employed in "New York".
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19. Enter the spouse’s Employer Name. In this demonstration, the spouse works for Crowne Plaza.

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20. Enter your Spouse’s Annual Earnings for the current year. In this demonstration the spouse earns $25,000 USD. Remember you will have to attach the annual wage statement of the spouse.

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21. If your spouse is financially dependant on you, select “Is the Spouse Financially Dependent?”
The amount entered will be used to determine the dependency.

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22. Click on the Add button to attach ALL the required documents, pertaining to this request that have been previously verified by an HR partner or HR administrator. Be sure to upload only the copies that have the verification stamp.

Please note, if this request is incomplete and all required documents with the verification stamp are not attached, the HR Partner will reject your request and you will need to submit a new request.

For this demonstration, you will be attaching:

- your spouse's annual wage statement
- marriage certificate
- the biographic data page of your spouse's valid passport

Consult the list of requirements at the beginning of the Quick Reference and Factsheets for other types of cases/situations.
23. Click on the Browse button. The Choose File to Upload window will open.

24. Select the required document. You should only upload PDF files.
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Choose File to Upload

25. Click on the Open button.

Upload New Attachment

26. Click on the OK button to upload the document.

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27. The document has been attached. Repeat the steps for each required document.
Remember: You must submit the original required documents to the HR Partner or HR Administrator for verification prior to making the ESS submission. The HR Partner will only approve requests that contain complete documentation or documentation that has been stamped as verified and seen by an HR Partner or HR Administrator.

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28. Click on the Terms & Conditions link and review the information.
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29. Once you have read the Terms and Conditions, click on the 'Close' button to return to the Family Data Application.
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30. Click on the checkbox to acknowledge and accept the Terms & Conditions.

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31. Click on the Submit button.
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32. A message will appear indicating the submission was successful and the submission will appear in the "Requests in Process" until it is approved by the HR Partner. Click on the Employee Self-Service SM tab to return to the Employee Services menu.

Remember, you have 30 days from the date the spouse became a dependant to enrol them into the insurance plan (medical and dental).
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