

MARRIAGE IN BERMUDA

Visitors who wish to come to Bermuda to be married must have their 'Notice of Intended Marriage' published in the Bermuda newspapers. No blood tests or health certificates are required. Copies of final divorce decrees or death certificates must accompany the 'Notice of Intended Marriage' form for all persons who were previously married and who are wishing to be married in Bermuda.

NOTICE TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

Notice may be given to the Registrar General by either of the parties personally, by mail, or by courier:

Registry General

Government Administration Building

30 Parliament Street

Hamilton HM 12

Bermuda

Tel: (441) 297-7709 or (441) 297-7707

Fax: (441) 292-4568

Web: www.registrygeneral.gov.bm

A 'Notice of Intended Marriage' form must be completed (including full names and residential addresses) and should be accompanied by a fee of \$341 (\$310 marriage licence and \$31 marriage certificate), in Bermuda or U.S. dollars in the form of a cashier's cheque or bank draft made payable to the Accountant General, Hamilton, Bermuda, or by credit card (e-mail kminors@gov.bm or wrwales@gov.bm for details). Personal cheques are not accepted. Airmail to Bermuda can take from 6 to 14 days from the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

'Notice of Intended Marriage' forms can be downloaded from GoToBermuda.com/maps_and_brochures.aspx and is also available from the office of the Registrar General in Bermuda, or via www.registrygeneral.gov.bm.

PUBLISHING A NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE

This Notice is published by the Registry staff in two local newspapers. A period of fifteen (15) days must elapse from the date of receipt of the Notice by the Registry before the Registrar General may issue the licence to marry. Parties to the intended marriage are not required to be resident during this time. The licence to marry may be issued on or after the fifteenth day, provided no formal objection has been raised to the intended marriage. The licence to marry must be issued within three months of receipt of the Notice by the Registrar General and remains valid for three months from the date of issue.

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THEREAFTER THE MARRIAGE MAY BE PERFORMED

- a. In the Registry by appointment between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday of each week; Saturday between 10 a.m. and noon only. Two witnesses are required for Registry marriages which takes place in an attractively decorated Marriage Room with comfortable seating for up to a dozen guests (more may be accommodated if standing). If in the event the couple being married do not have their own witnesses, two Registry General staff members can act as witnesses. This is possible on week days only, Monday to Friday. The fee for a marriage ceremony at the Registry is \$225. Additional copies of the same certificate supplied at the same time cost \$31 per certificate.
- b. In a church or place other than the Registry General with the consent of the clergyman or other appropriate official at a time and at fees arranged with that authority. A marriage certificate ordered in advance or at the time of the ceremony will cost \$31. Outdoor weddings or weddings in buildings other than a church may be arranged with the consent of a clergyman. When choosing your outdoor venue, enquire if a fee and/or deposit is applicable.
- c. Justices of the Peace cannot perform marriages in Bermuda.

NOTE: Where church ceremonies are concerned, there are two points of importance:

Divorced persons should be aware that they cannot be married in any of the Roman Catholic churches in Bermuda. However, church weddings for divorcees can sometimes be arranged by special request with the minister concerned at other churches, such as the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and A.M.E.

Catholics not normally resident in Bermuda cannot be married in Catholic churches in Bermuda except under exceptional circumstances, such as in the case of people who have special family ties in Bermuda or who have lived in Bermuda previously. Questions on this subject can only be answered by, and should be addressed to The Bishop of Hamilton, P.O. Box HM 1191, Hamilton HM EX, Bermuda.

MINORS

All minors under the age of 18 years must have the written consent of both parents, the surviving parent or legal guardian. There is space provided on the 'Notice of Intended Marriage' form where the person(s) giving consent must sign. In cases in which the person giving consent is on the Island, he or she must sign the form either in the presence of a notary public or a member of the Registry General staff. Where the person is not on the Island, the form must be signed in the presence of a notary public, or a written form of consent, witnessed by a notary public, must be attached to the completed 'Notice of Intended Marriage' form.

WEDDING CONSULTANTS

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