

Aide Memoire

Information Related to Intended Marriages in Bermuda

PERSONS RESIDING IN BERMUDA OR OUTSIDE OF BERMUDA MAY BE MARRIED IN A "RELIGIOUS CEREMONY" BY A MINISTER (A MARRIAGE OFFICER) OR IN A "CIVIL CEREMONY" BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL. IN EITHER CASE THE FOLLOWING APPLIES.

1. Where a marriage is intended to be celebrated by a Marriage Officer (a Minister of Religion) or contracted before the Registrar General (a Civil Marriage) under the authority of the Registrar General's Certificate, the Registrar will, upon receipt of the Notice of Intended Marriage form ("the Notice")(see copy attached), post the Notice in a conspicuous place in the Registry General for a period of not less than fourteen full days from the date of the receipt in the Registry, and will also publish the Notice in the Government E-Gazette..
2. At any time not later than three months after the date of the **receipt** of "the Notice", or earlier than the prescribed fourteen days mentioned in paragraph 1., the Registrar General, on application of either of the parties to the intended marriage, will issue a certificate PROVIDED that no caveat (objection) has been entered.
3. If either or both parties to the intended marriage have been married before, a copy of the final divorce decree or death certificate must be submitted to the Registry General with the Notice. Processing of the application will not commence until the necessary documents have been received.
4. Where a party to an intended marriage is under the age of eighteen years, the consent of the following persons must be obtained in writing and be signed by either:-
 - (a) both parents if alive, or the surviving parent;
 - (b) in the case of divorced or separated parents, then the parent who has custody of the minor;
 - (c) if both parents are dead, then the lawfully appointed guardian.

IN ANY EVENT, THE CONSENT MUST BE ATTESTED TO BY A NOTARY PUBLIC.

The fee for a marriage application is \$393.00 (which includes the Government E-Gazette publication and licence at \$353.00 & one Marriage Certificate at \$40.00). Bermuda Dollars or U.S. Dollars should be remitted at the same time as the completed "Notice of Intended Marriage", **by Bank Draft or International Money Orders** made payable to the **Accountant General**, Hamilton, Bermuda. Debit/Credit card payments are accepted, please contact the Registry for further information. **CASH OR PERSONAL CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM BERMUDA RESIDENTS ONLY. Also, this application must be accompanied by a valid Driver's Licence or valid passport (for both parties)**

Civil marriages may be performed by the Registrar General at the Registry General Office between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each weekday and on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and Noon. An additional fee of \$260.00 is payable for the ceremony. An attractive "Marriage Room" is available especially for these occasions.

The Registrar also performs Civil Marriage ceremonies at Government owned outdoor venues (see list attached) at the same times as above. You will have to contact the Parks Department or WEDCO to book the preferred venue, date and time, and pay any fees associated with the said venue. The fee for the outdoor ceremony is an additional \$473.00 and must be paid to our office prior to the ceremony. The Registry Office will provide a table & chair (if needed) and all documents required .

N.B. Two witnesses are required for every ceremony. During the week the Registry staff are available to act as witnesses. Arrangements for this service should be made at the time the marriage appointment is confirmed. **FOR SATURDAY MARRIAGES, COUPLES ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR OWN WITNESSES.**

If you wish to be married elsewhere i.e. Church, Hotel, Private Home, Boat etc., or outside of our noted hours, then you will have to contact a local Minister to perform your ceremony. Please refer to www.bermudayp.com where all the churches are listed by denomination. You can contact the Church/Minister for their fees and availability.

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