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**ECCLESIASTICAL COURT of the BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY**

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**APPLICATION TO GIVE NOTICE OF MARRIAGE**

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| **Proof of identification, address, marital status and immigration status (if applicable) must accompany this document. See below for required documents.** | | | | |
| **Your details** | **Applicant 1** | | **Applicant 2** | |
| **Title (circle or delete)** | Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr  Other …………… | | Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr  Other …………… | |
| **Surname** |  | |  | |
| **Forenames** |  | |  | |
| **Previous names and previous marriages/civil partnerships**  Please give explanation of change (eg: marriage, deed poll) in the box below  Please attach relevant documents to show each of your former names  This will include   * Birth or adoption certificate * Previous marriage or civil partnership certificate * Deed poll   *If documents are not in English, please see* ***note 1*** *below.* | | | | |
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| **Date of Birth** | Day ……… Month ………. Year ………. | | Day ……… Month ………. Year ………. | |
| **Address** |  | |  | |
| **Post Code** |  | |  | |
| **Please confirm your address by supplying either a bank statement or a utility bill, issued within the last three months and showing the address you have entered above. An original document is required (or an officially certified copy).**  **Your current address will be the one which appears on your marriage documents. If you move between now and the date of your marriage, please inform us, so that your marriage documents include the correct address.** | | | | |
| **Sex** | Female Male | | Female Male | |
| **Nationality** |  | |  | |
| **Occupation** |  | |  | |
| **We will need to see both the passport and the original ‘long’ birth certificates (that is, showing parents’ names) of both parties to the intended marriage.**  **If you do not have a passport, attach another form of photo identification such as a driving licence.** | | | | |
| **Immigration status in the Bailiwick**  *Please see* ***note 2*** *below before completing this section*  If local, you **must** supply a certified copy of your passport or right to work document or equivalent | |  | |  |
| **Have you ever been married or in a civil partnership?** | | Yes  No | | Yes  No |
| **If ‘Yes’ how did the marriage end? (please tick)** | | Divorce  Dissolution of civil partnership  Death of spouse/civil  partner | | Divorce  Dissolution of civil partnership  Death of spouse/civil  partner |
| **If previously married or in a civil partnership, please attach any of the relevant documents listed below:**   * **Death certificate of former spouse or civil partner** * **Marriage certificates or other documents confirming the details of previous marriage(s)** * **Final divorce order/decree *(with an official translation is the document is not in English)*** * **Dissolution of civil partnership** | | | | |

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| **The Marriage** | | | | | |
| **Ceremony (marriage service)** | Name of minister conducting the marriage (if known) | | |  | |
| **Date of intended marriage** |  | | | | |
| **Time of intended marriage** |  | | | | |
| **Location of intended marriage** |  | | | | |
| **Alternative location**  **(in case of inclement weather)** |  | | | | |
| **If the marriage is not to be solemnised in a church building, it is your responsibility to ensure you have the permission of the owner of the venue or (if it is outdoors) the land owner’s permission to hold the wedding at that location.** | | | | | |
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| **Parents’ names** | | | | | |
| Do you want your **parents’ names** to be included on your marriage documents?  This is optional but we can only include the names as they appear on your birth or adoption certificate.  *Please enter the names you wish to be included, and note if either parent is deceased.* | | | | | |
| Applicant 1 Yes / No | | | Applicant 2 Yes / No | | |
| Full name and occupation of father | | | Full name and occupation of father | | |
| Full name and occupation of mother | | | Full name and occupation of mother | | |
| **Contact details** | | | | | |
|  | | Applicant 1 | | | Applicant 2 |
| Daytime telephone contact number | |  | | |  |
| Mobile telephone number | |  | | |  |
| Email address | |  | | |  |

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| **Declaration** | |
| I declare that I have read the information in **note 4** below and that to the best of my knowledge and belief there are no legal reasons or any cause depending in any Ecclesiastical Court or any other reason whatsoever why the proposed marriage may not take place. I confirm that I am freely consenting to the proposed marriage. I understand that if I sign this declaration knowing or believing this statement to be false, I commit an offence. | |
| **Signature applicant 1** | **Signature applicant 2** |
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If you change the time, date or location of the marriage and the officiating minister before the marriage, you must inform us immediately. There may be an additional charge to amend the notice.

**Note 1**

If any of the documents that are required are not in English, we will also need an official translation to accompany them. You can ask this to be done by any reputable translation company or, if it is being done by an individual, the translator must have recognised qualifications (we need confirmation of these qualifications). You cannot provide the translation yourself or ask a friend or relative, unless they have the necessary qualifications.

**Note 2**

**Immigration status**

If you are the holder of a British passport please enter **British**.

If local, you must supply a certified copy of your passport or right to work document or equivalent.

If you are not a British passport holder but are currently legally resident in UK or Bailiwick of Guernsey, please attach a copy of your visa or proof of your lawful residence.

If you are travelling to Guernsey to marry a UK or Guernsey resident and you intend to remain living in the UK or Bailiwick of Guernsey after your marriage, you will require a spousal or fiancé visa.

If you are not a British passport holder and are travelling to Bailiwick of Guernsey on holiday to get married and will not be remaining resident in the Bailiwick of Guernsey or in the UK, you can marry under the provisions of your visitor visa.

**Note 3**

**GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON MARRIAGE**

**Prohibited degrees**

**1**. (1) It shall not be lawful for two persons to marry if one of them is, in relation to the other –

(a) a parent or grandparent,

(b) a sibling,

(c) a sibling of a parent or grandparent,

(d) a child or grandchild,

(e) a child or grandchild of a sibling,

(f) an adoptive parent or child, or a former adoptive parent or child,

and a reference to a sibling shall include a reference to a brother, sister, half-brother or half-sister.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), it shall not be lawful for two persons to marry if one of them is in relation to the other –

(a) a child or grandchild of a former spouse,

(b) a child or grandchild of a former civil partner,

(c) the former spouse of a parent or grandparent, or

(d) the former civil partner of a parent or grandparent.

(3) Any such marriage as is mentioned in subsection (2) shall not be void by reason only of affinity if both the parties to the marriage have attained the age of 18 years at the time of the marriage and the younger party has not at any time before attaining the age of 18 years been a child of the family in relation to the other party.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), "**child of the family**", in relation to any person, means a child who has lived in the same household as that person and been treated by that person as a child of that person's family.

(5) Any reference in this section to a relationship between two persons by blood shall include such a relationship without regard to whether such relationship arises by lawful marriage.

(6) Where two persons consent to or acquiesce in a marriage in contravention of this section, such marriage is void.

**Persons already married or in civil partnership.**

**2.** (1) It shall not be lawful for two persons to marry if, at the time of the marriage –

(a) either of them is already lawfully married, or

(b) either of them is a civil partner or, for the avoidance of doubt, they are civil partners of each other.

(2) Where two persons consent to or acquiesce in a marriage in contravention of this section, such marriage is void.

**Minimum age for marriage.**

**3.** (1) It shall not be lawful for two persons to marry if, at the time of the marriage, either of them is under the age of 16 years.

(2) Where two persons consent to or acquiesce in a marriage in contravention of this section, such marriage is void.

**Note 4**

Both parties to the marriage must freely consent to the marriage and be capable of consenting to the marriage.

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