**This form is only to be used where one or both parties to**

**the intended marriage has a previous spouse still living**

**ECCLESIASTICAL COURT**

**of the**

**BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY**

**APPLICATION FORM for a MARRIAGE LICENCE**

**where one or both parties has a previous spouse still living.**

ISSUED from the REGISTRY of the ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

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***PLEASE READ THE NOTES ON THE NEXT PAGE***

**PLACE AND DATE OF PROPOSED MARRIAGE**

Church:

Island: Guernsey / Alderney / Sark / Herm

Date of proposed marriage:

Date when convenient to attend ECCLESIASTICAL COURT:

FRIDAY at 09:30 am

**NOTES:**

1. An additional affidavit (and a further fee) may be required for applicants resident outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey. If in doubt as to this requirement, please enclose with this form a copy of such person’s passport which contains the photograph.
2. All applicants must submit ‘long’ birth certificates (i.e. showing parents) with this form.
3. All applicants must submit ‘long’ birth certificates (i.e. showing parents’ names) with this form together with original or certified copy of their current passport and original or certified copy of a bank statement or utility bill as proof of current residential address, dated within the last 3 months.
4. Any certificates of birth, death or marriage must be supplied in English or French. If an original certificate is in another language a translation into English or French must also be provided. All certificates will be returned when the Licence is issued.
5. Please note that this form requires signature in two places.
6. All fees are payable at the time of taking the Oath. Fees can only be accepted in cash or by cheque.
7. Other formalities may be required. Applicants must see the officiating priest, and obtain approval by the Ecclesiastical Court of the application, before making any firm arrangements with regard to the marriage.
8. Marriage Licences are only valid for three months. The date of attendance at Court to swear the Oath must therefore be no more than three months prior to the date of the proposed marriage ceremony. Any change in applicants’ circumstances affecting the information given on this form arising after the licence has been issued *must* be communicated immediately to the Ecclesiastical Court. *Failure to do so risks invalidating the Licence*.
9. The written consent of a parent or guardian will be required to the marriage of any person who has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday at the date of the proposed marriage.
10. A licence for the marriage in church of a couple, one or both of whom has a previous spouse still living, is a concession and not a right, and, as with all licences, it can be refused by the Ecclesiastical Court. The Court will need to be satisfied that the second marriage is not being entered into frivolously, and that all obligations to children and to the previous spouse(s) have been, and so far as they may be of a continuing nature will be, properly and promptly met.
11. Copies of Final Orders of divorce (or equivalent) and of all maintenance or other ancillary settlement orders made by the issuing Court *must* be submitted with the application for a marriage licence.
12. Since some clergy decline to officiate at marriages where one or both parties has a previous spouse still living, application should only be made for a licence when the couple has determined that their marriage will be allowed in the church of their choice, since each licence is specific to the incumbent and the church concerned.
13. In cases where either or both of the parties to the intended marriage live in a Parish in which the incumbent refused to take marriage, or to allow his church to be used for marriages, where one or both of the parties has a previous spouse still living, any requirement for a Letter of Release which would otherwise apply shall be dispensed with.

**PARTICULARS OF INTENDED HUSBAND**

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| SURNAME |  |
| CHRISTIAN NAMES (in full) |  |
| ADDRESS at the intended date of marriage |  |
| ADDRESS now (if different from above) |  |
| Telephone number for morning contact |  |
| Email address |  |
| Occupation |  |
| Age at the intended date of marriage |  |
| Father’s full Christian names |  |
| Father’s occupation |  |
| In which Church, if any, do you worship? |  |
| Please state why you want to be married in Church |  |

***If this is your first marriage, please ignore the remaining questions and go to the declaration at the end of the next page.***

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| Name of your previous wife |  |
| Is your previous wife still living? |  |
| *If your previous wife is still living*:  Names and present ages of children of your previous marriage |  |
| Name of the Court which granted the Final Order (or equivalent) of divorce |  |
| Date of granting of the Final Order (or equivalent) of divorce |  |
| Have you fully discharged any Order made against you in favour of your previous wife to pay a lump sum? |  |
| Have you paid, and are you continuing to pay, promptly and in full, any periodic maintenance payments in favour of your children or your previous wife? |  |
| If you have not made any payment ordered by the Court as mentioned above, state the reasons why payments were not made, or are not being made |  |
| Was this your only previous marriage?  If not, please provide details of any other marriages on a separate sheet |  |
| Is this your first application for a licence to be married in Church? If not, please give the name and telephone number of any priest(s) to whom you have previously applied. |  |

***Please sign and date the declaration below***

I declare that all the statements made on this form are true and complete.

Signed: Date:

**PARTICULARS OF INTENDED WIFE**

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| SURNAME |  |
| CHRISTIAN NAMES (in full) |  |
| ADDRESS at the intended date of marriage |  |
| ADDRESS now (if different from above) |  |
| Telephone number for morning contact |  |
| Email address |  |
| Occupation |  |
| Age at the intended date of marriage |  |
| Father’s full Christian names |  |
| Father’s occupation |  |
| In which Church, if any, do you worship? |  |
| Please state why you want to be married in Church |  |

***If this is your first marriage, please ignore the remaining questions and go to the declaration at the end of the next page.***

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| Name of your previous husband |  |
| Is your previous husband still living? |  |
| *If your previous husband is still living*:  Names and present ages of children of your previous marriage |  |
| Name of the Court which granted the Final Order (or equivalent) of divorce |  |
| Date of granting of the Final Order (or equivalent) of divorce |  |
| Have you fully discharged any Order made against you in favour of your previous husband to pay a lump sum? |  |
| Have you paid, and are you continuing to pay, promptly and in full, any periodic maintenance payments in favour of your children or your previous husband? |  |
| If you have not made any payment ordered by the Court as mentioned above, state the reasons why payments were not made, or are not being made |  |
| Was this your only previous marriage?  If not, please provide details of any other marriages on a separate sheet |  |
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***Please sign and date the declaration below***

I declare that all the statements made on this form are true and complete.

Signed: Date:

**FOR BOTH APPLICANTS**

*[Please note that the parish priest will refer to the information in this application form and other relevant information from meeting you when considering and responding to your request to be married in Church. He or she may also choose to share it with the diocesan bishop and/or the Dean of Guernsey and/or their respective advisers. If your application is not accepted, and you later make a further application to another parish, the information you have given on this occasion may be shared with the priest who considers your further application. With these exceptions, the information you have given in this form and in your interview will be treated as confidential.]*

We wish to have our application for marriage in Church considered, and give our consent to the use of the information we have given in this application form as set out above. If either of us has made a previous application, we agree that you may contact the priest applied to and that he or she may share with you information relating to that previous application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*The following sections to be completed by the parish priest (or officiating cleric).*

**GROUNDS FOR ACCEPTING OR REFUSING THE APPLICATION.**

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**SIGNATURE OF THE PARISH PRIEST (OR OFFICIATING CLERIC)**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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