

## Frequently asked questions

### What if I don't have access to a computer to access the NOIM

I can provide a form for you.

### How old do I have to be to get married?

Both couples must be over the age of 18.  
Or one person must be over the age of 18 and the other over the age of 16 and has approval from the Family Court. (Seek legal advice)

### When we complete the NOIM form how do we lodge the form?

I will arrange for the form to be sent to the appropriate authorities.

### What if we can't wait a month plus 1 day to get married, can we get the time shortened ?

Yes, but the circumstances must be either employment related to travel, medical reasons, legal proceedings, error giving notice or wedding or celebrations arrangements or religious considerations.

### How do we get a Marriage Certificate?

I will give you one on the day of the wedding.

### Is there any more paperwork to fill out after we get married?

No, after you are legally married no further paperwork is required.

### How many people need to be at the wedding to make it legal?

There needs to be 2 witnesses to the wedding that are over the age of 18 years.

### Is assistance given to compile the words and vows for the wedding ceremony?

Yes, part of my service is to assist you with the words until you are completely satisfied.

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Qualified Marriage Celebrant

Qualified Justice of the Peace



# Marriage Information Booklet

for couples deciding  
to get married



Hello and Welcome

There are many special and joyous occasions in life that can be celebrated.

I would be honoured for you to choose me as your Marriage Celebrant in your district of choice.

What a wonderful step you had made in your life , in choosing a Civil Wedding ceremony.

### Choosing a Celebrant

My commitment to you if I am chosen to be your Celebrant would be:

- conduct the ceremony at any place
- conduct the ceremony at any time of day or night
- provide a professional service
- make your ceremony a memorable occasion to be remembered for the rest of your life
- will make your ceremony individually created for your special needs
- cater for your own wedding theme, such as traditional, fun theme, country and western and so on and will work with you to create your own complete ceremony text from your own thoughts or from my database of wedding ceremonies or a combination of the both
- be sincere, honest and caring

### Fees Structure

Fees can vary for each type of service depending on your requirements.

The aspects of costs include, travel, theme of wedding ( ie Country and Western at Northam, Rottnest Island or traditional)

Prices start from \$250 ( no fuss ceremony)

and usually range between \$250 to \$375

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting No obligation discussion

- No cost visit ( 30 minutes)

2<sup>nd</sup> Visit payment of \$150 if you decide to proceed

3<sup>rd</sup> Visit and or wedding rehearsal - final payment

### How do I get started

To be married you need to fill out a Notice of Intended Marriage Form ( NOIM ) and sign it on the back in the presence of a Commissioner of Declarations, Justice of the Peace, a legally qualified medical practitioner, barrister or solicitor, State or Federal Police Officer.

The NOIM is available from the Australian Government Attorney- General's Department.

The internet address is :

[http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/www/rwpattach.nsf/viewasattachmentPersonal/31DFFB3504DE1196CA256C67007B2125/\\$file/marriageform.pdf](http://www.ag.gov.au/agd/www/rwpattach.nsf/viewasattachmentPersonal/31DFFB3504DE1196CA256C67007B2125/$file/marriageform.pdf)

This form must be completed and lodged with me at least 1 month before the wedding date.

I offer you an obligation no charge 30 minute 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at which time we get to know each other.

At this meeting you can ask me any questions you wish. I am happy to travel to your place or another location or at my home office in Maida-Vale. The fees can be discussed for the type of wedding you require. After the visit you can decide to proceed.

### The Process

If you decide to use me as your Celebrant there are usually two more visits prior to the wedding.

#### Visit 1or 2:

Filling in the NOIM

Happily Ever After Brochure

( obligations and consequences of marriage)

Choosing your own ceremony words

( Booklet or CD provided and assistance given )

Copy of the Code of Conduct for Marriage Celebrants

Discussing your type of ceremony

Confirm date of wedding

Contingency plans if things go wrong on the day

To do list

Communication sheet – phone numbers

Your will need to bring along evidence of your birth and or evidence of non marriage status or evidence where dissolution of marriage has been sought through the Family Court.

Deposit

#### Visit 2 or 3

Final checking of all documents

Re-confirming Date / Time / Place of wedding

Finalisation of vows

Rehearsal – all bridal party if you require

Checking numbers of guests

Form 14 to be completed

NOIM progress or finalisation

Finalisation of contingencies

Balance of fees to be paid