



GETTING MARRIED IN AUSTRALIA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Below are the forms that we will need to complete once you have decided that I will be your Celebrant and we have booked in a date.

1. **NOIM – Notice of Intent to Marry** – must be completed and submitted a minimum of one month prior to your Wedding ceremony. However, this can be filled out up to 18months prior to your Wedding Ceremony so when we meet, we will go over this form and provided you have all your details then we can fill it out, sign and then it's done. However, if this not achievable at that point in time you can do it at a later date as long as you do it before the minimum time frame. Both parties have to sign, and the signatures must be witnessed. If only one party is available to sign when completed, that is okay as long as the other party signs before your Wedding ceremony.

2. Official Certificate of Marriage

This form states all of your personal details and will be on the wedding signing table on the day of your Wedding ceremony to be signed and witnessed by your chosen Witnesses for the day (both must be over 18 and present throughout the entire ceremony).

3. Official Certificate of Marriage – Declaration of No Legal Impediment to Marriage

This form on the 1st page is the same as form 2. above however on the back there is a declaration to fill in and sign to declare there is no legal impediment to the Marriage. This 2nd page (the declaration) must be signed prior to your Wedding. The front page of this form will also be taken to the Wedding table, signed and witnessed as above.



Documents you will need to complete the forms and to legally Marry are:

- a) Birth Certificate (Original). This must be sited by the Celebrant before your Wedding date.

If you have lost your Birth Certificate you can obtain a copy from **Birth, Deaths and Marriages in your State**.

OR

- b) Passport – an expired passport is still okay as it shows your place of birth and DOB.
- c) Drivers Licence a Photo ID and showing current address.

Details of all documents provided are recorded on your legal forms so you will need them to fill these forms in.

Legal age to Marry:

18 years old is the legal age to marry. A party 16 or 17 but under 18 can marry as long as the other party is 18 years of age and they have **legal consent** to Marry. I.e. Your case would have to go before a Judge with valid reasons for this request and will be decided by the Magistrate. Please enquire about this further with me if this is your situation.

Witnesses:

You will be required to have **two** witnesses on the day be present and watch the entire ceremony. They must be 18 years or older and be consenting witnesses on the day and be able to understand and hear the entire ceremony. They will sign the legal documentation as witnesses to your Marriage.

Translator:

If one of you does not speak English or minimal understanding of it, please let me know as we will need to arrange a translator for the Solemnisation of your wedding to be legal as each party must fully understand the Ceremony and be able to say their Legal Vows.



Two Legal Parts of the Ceremony you can't change and must be included in the Ceremony:

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- The Monitum (said by the Celebrant)
- Legal Vows (Standard legal vows each party must say). You can add your own vows onto this as long as you say the legal vows.

Monitum:

“I am duly authorised by law to solemnize marriages according to law.”

“Before you are joined in marriage in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I am to remind you of the solemn and binding nature of the relationship into which you are now about to enter.”

“Marriage according to law in Australia, is the union of two people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life”.

Legal Vows:

“I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, (Full Name) take thee (Full Name) to be my lawful wedding wife (or husband, or spouse).

I hope this has been informative for you. We will discuss all of this when we meet so don't worry, I will ensure you know all that is required of you and make the process as easy as possible for you. Hope to hear from you soon. Neri x