



Marriage celebrants | June 2022

Welcome to the latest edition of *Registry Connect* containing up to date information, tips, links and contact information designed for Queensland marriage celebrants.

### Important update to our regulated fees

Please note that effective from **1 July 2022** there will be an update to our regulated fees which includes the certificate fee.

Official marriage certificate	\$52.60
2 official marriage certificates	\$105.20
Commemorative certificate package	\$68.35

On 1 July our online marriage registration system will be updated to reflect these changes and you will also be able to access the new fee list here <https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/bdm-scheduled-fees>.

An advertisement for the 'Online Marriage Registration System'. It features a photograph of a woman with blonde hair wearing a yellow shirt, sitting at a desk with a laptop and holding a smartphone. A dark purple callout box says 'Sign up, it's free and easy to use!'. Below the photo, the text reads 'Online Marriage Registration System'.

### Our online marriage registration system is better than ever

Our online marriage registration system is a complete marriage registration and management system designed for you. Join more than two thousand Queensland marriage celebrants already using the service.

Click [here](#) to sign up today.

[Read more](#)

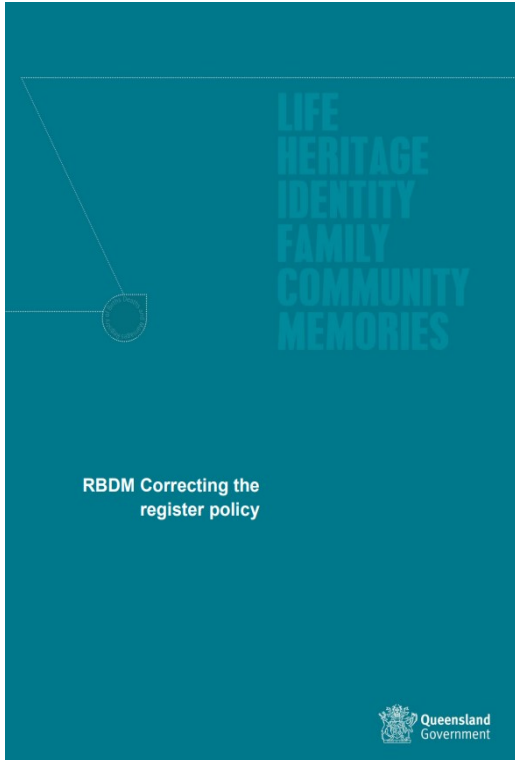
### Need to correct a marriage registration after it has been registered by us?

We recently published the [RBDM Correcting the register policy](#) on our website. The policy outlines the types of information and circumstances that can be assessed by us in relation to an application to correct information in our registers. The policy defines our approach to assessing an application under the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003* (Qld) (BDMR Act).

You can find the policy [here](#).

If you need to correct a marriage record after the marriage has been registered you will need to submit a [request a review of the certificate](#) on our website. From here, our staff will assess the request and contact you directly.

Note: corrections are unable to be made via email or over the phone.



## Your requirement by law

Under subsection 50(4) of the *Marriage Act 1961* authorised marriage celebrants, by law, must submit official marriage documents within **14 days** of the marriage being solemnised.

## Reminder on using the correct marriage forms

The Attorney-General's Department released new versions of the following marriage forms which came into effect on 1 September 2021:

- Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) form,
- Official Certificate of Marriage form, and
- Declaration of No Legal Impediment to Marriage form.



We can no longer accept old versions of the forms (except NOIMS that were signed prior to 1 September 2021 which remain valid for a period of 18 months). If these are received by the registry, we will send them back requesting new versions of the forms be completed, signed (by the couple, the witnesses and you) and submitted to us again for processing. This whole process will add significant delays to your couples in getting their marriage registered and receiving their marriage certificate.

This understandably creates a negative experience for the couple so please ensure you are up to date with the changes and requirements on the [Attorney-General's website](#).

**Tip: this does not apply to users of our [online marriage registration system](#) as the forms were automatically updated when the change took effect.**

## FAQ when completing the new forms

A common question we receive is how to complete the current name and birth name fields for a parent of a party to the marriage.

One change implemented on the new forms included replacing 'Fathers name in full' and 'Mothers name in full' with 'Parent 1's full current name' and 'if applicable: Parent 2's full current name'. The new form changes also included the addition of 'Parent 1's full birth name' and 'if applicable: Parent 2's full birth name'.

This approach is inclusive of same-sex parents, parents who do not identify as male or female, and parties who only have one legal parent.

### Tips on completing this section

To satisfy the requirement under the *Marriage Act 1961* it is up to the parties to list their parents using the names as they know them by. Parties do not need to supply evidence of their parents' names or countries of birth.



### Need help?

If you require assistance or have questions about a marriage (with questions relating to the *Marriage Act 1961*) prior to conducting the ceremony, please contact the [Attorney-General's Department, Marriage Celebrants Section](#).

For all registration enquiries after the registration has been submitted to us, please contact [BDM.Marriage@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:BDM.Marriage@justice.qld.gov.au).

For technical assistance relating to the online marriage registration system, please contact us at [BDMServiceProvider@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:BDMServiceProvider@justice.qld.gov.au).

### We love feedback

As a valued stakeholder we welcome your feedback on the information and services we provide to Queensland marriage celebrants. If there is something we can improve on, or if there is something you'd like to see covered in future newsletters, please tell us by emailing [BDMCRMclients@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:BDMCRMclients@justice.qld.gov.au).



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