

Marriage celebrants I December 2021

Welcome to the Christmas edition of *Registry Connect*, the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages' newsletter for Queensland marriage celebrants containing up to date information, tips, links and contact information.

From all of us at the Queensland registry we wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2022.





New features make our online marriage registration system better than ever

Our online marriage registration system is a complete marriage registration and management system designed for you.

Click 'read more' to find out about our new features and how to sign up today.



Did you know?

In 2021 more marriages were submitted online than ever before. In fact, online marriages now surpass those submitted manually by post and continue to grow.

Reminder on Attorney-General's form changes effective 1 September 2021

We continue to receive a high volume of incorrect forms submitted following the changes implemented by the Attorney-General's Department on 1 September 2021.

These relate to the old version of the form received by post which are now being rejected by our office and are required to be completed on the new version of the form, resigned with the couple and witnesses and resubmitted for registration. This understandably creates a negative experience for the couple so please ensure you are up to date with the changes and requirements on the <u>Attorney-General's website</u>.

This does not apply to users of our online marriage registration system as the forms were automatically updated on 1 September.

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 <u>Attorney-General's Department, Marriage Celebrants Section</u>.

For all registration enquiries after the registration has been submitted to us, please contact <u>BDM.Marriage@justice.qld.gov.au</u>.

For technical assistance relating to the online marriage registration system, please contact us at <u>BDMServiceProvider@justice.qld.gov.au</u>.



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 <u>BDMCRMClients@justice.qld.gov.au</u>.

Christmas closure

As we enter the festive period, please be advised that the registry will close at 4:30pm on Friday 24 December 2021 and re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.





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