

## Frequently Asked Questions (for Civil Marriages)

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## A. MARRIAGE APPLICATION – GENERAL

### 1 Can you give me a quick summary of what I need to do to register a marriage in Singapore?

#### REGISTER A MARRIAGE: QUICK SUMMARY

3 steps to getting married in Singapore:

- 1) Submit a marriage application online for Civil Marriage at [www.marriage.gov.sg](http://www.marriage.gov.sg).
- 2) Submit declaration online (for eligible couples). For other couples, attend the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) in-person or via video-link.
- 3) On the day of marriage, proceed to have the marriage solemnised by a licensed solemniser in the presence of 2 witnesses.

It is important to note that you have to give the required notice period of at least 21 days to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) before you can get married. For an overview of the marriage process, please click [here](#).

### 2 What items and documents does a couple need to prepare to submit a marriage application?

To submit a marriage application, the couple must prepare the following items and documents:

- Both bride and groom's NRICs if they are Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents, or passports if they are foreigners.
- The 2 witnesses' NRICs if they are Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents, or passports if they are foreigners.
- Final divorce paper or death certificate of late spouse if applicable.
- Credit card payment (for applications made online) / NETS payment (for applications made at the self-help kiosk)

Please note that the marriage application must be submitted by both bride and groom. The Registry of Marriages (ROM) will send an email notification to inform couples of their successful application.

Once the application is submitted successfully, please print or save a copy of the 'Summary of Application' and payment receipt. Couples should take note of their Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment date and time, and the list of documents to bring. For couples who are eligible for online declaration, they are required to login to the website using their Singpass to make the declaration.

### 3 Can a third party submit a marriage application on my behalf?

No, submission of an online marriage application requires the use of Singpass by either the Groom or Bride. Marriage applicants are responsible for the accuracy of the contents submitted online to ROM. The information that you have submitted online is to be treated as signed by you for the purpose of Section 8 of the Electronic Transactions Act 2010.

### 4 Can 2 foreigners marry in Singapore?

Two foreigners can marry in Singapore if they have met the rules and requirements for marriage. Please visit '[Our Marriage Journey](#)' website (Civil Marriage) for the rules and requirements.

### 5 Can I cancel a marriage application?

If the couple does not proceed with the solemnisation, the marriage application will automatically expire at the end of 6 months from the date of submission. A fresh application may be submitted after the earlier application has expired.

### 6 How do I submit my marriage application?

You can submit your marriage application via the 'Our Marriage Journey' website (Civil Marriage).

- 7 How do you define 'single' marital status?**  
For the purpose of submitting a marriage application with the Registry of Marriages, 'single' marital status refers to those who are marrying for the first time or have had their previous marriage annulled.
- 8 Can I go to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) office to secure a slot for solemnisation at ROM?**  
Booking of solemnisation slots at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) must be done online when you submit your marriage application via the 'Our Marriage Journey' website. Booking is on a first-come-first-serve basis, subject to availability of slots.
- 9 My spouse-to-be is not in Singapore. Can I still submit a marriage application?**  
You can submit a marriage application if your spouse-to-be is not in Singapore. However, please ensure that both of you have met the rules and requirements for marriage before submitting the application. Please refer to the 'Our Marriage Journey' website (Civil Marriage) for the rules and requirements.
- 10 How do we know if we meet requirements or have the capacity to marry?**  
You may check the rules and requirements on the '[Our Marriage Journey](#)' website (Civil Marriage). If in doubt, you may write to us [here](#). Please select 'Civil marriage' and key in the necessary details before clicking 'Continue'.
- 11 Can the Registry of Marriages (ROM) issue a letter stating that I will be getting married soon?**  
The Registry of Marriages (ROM) is unable to commit to the private schedules of individuals.
- 12 Must I submit a copy of the Certificate of Capacity to Marry in Singapore?**  
If two foreigners who do not reside or work in Singapore intend to get married in Singapore, both parties are required to submit a Certificate of Capacity to Marry, or Letter or Certificate of No Impediment to Marriage, issued by their respective Embassy or relevant Government authorities.
- 13 My spouse-to-be does not speak our local languages and dialects. Can a friend act as an interpreter during our Verification of Documents and Statutory Declaration (VD/SD) appointment and solemnisation?**  
If your spouse-to-be does not speak any local language or dialect, you should engage a Certified Interpreter listed by the respective Embassies, for your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment and solemnisation.
- 14 Can I submit a marriage application if my spouse-to-be is in prison or in the hospital?**  
If your spouse-to-be is in prison or hospital, you can still submit a marriage application. However, please check with the prison or hospital authorities first, and ensure that you have met the rules and requirements for marriage. Please visit 'Our Marriage Journey' website (Civil Marriage) for the rules and requirements.
- 15 Is there any difference between a solemniser who is a Justice of the Peace, Grassroots Leader or Religious Leader?**  
There is no difference between a solemniser who is a Justice of Peace, Grassroots Leader or Religious Leader. They are all licensed to solemnise marriages within Singapore.
- 16 Which solemniser should I invite to officiate my wedding?**  
You can choose any licensed solemniser to officiate your marriage. You may find it more convenient to invite a solemniser within your constituency or district.

**17 Who can be witnesses to a marriage?**

Parents or other persons who are known to the couple can be official witnesses for the solemnisation, as long as they are above 21 years old. The witnesses must be physically present for the solemnisation ceremony on the day of marriage.

**18 After submitting the marriage application, what should we do?**

The Registry of Marriages will also send an email notification to inform couples of their successful application.

If you and your spouse-to-be are eligible for an online declaration, both of you will be required to make a declaration online by logging in to the marriage application dashboard using your respective Singpass.

If you and your spouse-to-be are attending the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment in-person or via video-link, please take note of the appointment date where both parties are to be present with the relevant supporting documents.

If you are solemnising outside ROM or via video link, please communicate directly with your solemniser on your solemnisation plan and ensure your solemnisation booking is accepted via the portal before your V/D appointment.

**19 After submitting the marriage application, can we leave Singapore and come back for the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment and solemnisation?**

After submitting the marriage application, you are allowed to travel overseas and be back in Singapore for your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment and solemnisation.

**20 After submitting our marriage application, what should we do if we need to make changes to the solemnisation details such as the solemniser, venue, witnesses, date or time?**

If you need to amend your solemnisation details after submitting your marriage application, you may go to [e-Services](#) on 'Our Marriage Journey' website and click on 'Change Solemnisation Details' under 'Civil'.

Please note that you may change your solemnisation date only if it is between 22 days and 6 months from the date of the application. Alternatively, you may inform the officer during your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, and they will assist you with the changes. Please note that there is prescribed fee of \$25 for changes to the solemnisation details.

**21 After submitting our marriage application, we realized there are typo errors related to bride/groom's name and identification numbers. What should we do?**

If there is an error in your details, you will need to come down to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) immediately during office hours with your original passport to correct the error.

**22 I want to be solemnised at the Registry of Marriages (ROM), but the system only shows solemnisation slots in the afternoon. Are the morning slots fully booked?**

The online system only shows available slots for solemnisation at the Registry of Marriages (ROM). If there are no slots available, you may consider inviting a solemniser to hold your solemnisation at an external venue.

**23 Can I submit a marriage application while overseas?**

If you and your spouse-to-be meet the rules and requirements for marriage, you may submit your marriage application on the [Our Marriage Journey](#) website (Civil Marriage), even if you are not physically present in Singapore. Once you have submitted the marriage application, you will receive an email notification of your successful application.

- 24 I am holding on to two valid passports. Which passport should I use to submit a marriage application?**  
If you are holding two valid passports, you should use the passport that you used to enter Singapore.
- 25 What is the '21-day notice' and '6-month validity period'?**  
Couples are required to submit their marriage application at least 21 days before their solemnisation date. Once the application has been submitted, it is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of application. For example, if a couple intends to get married on 1 April 2024, they can submit their marriage application as early as 1 October 2023 but no later than 10 March 2024 in order to meet the minimum notice period of 21 days.
- If the couple does not proceed with the solemnisation, the application will automatically expire after 6 months from the date of application.
- You may click [here](#) to check when you should submit the marriage application for your desired solemnisation date.
- 26 When should we submit our marriage application in order to meet the legal requirement?**  
You should submit your marriage application at least 21 days, but no earlier than 6 months, before your intended solemnisation date. The minimum notice period of 21 days is a statutory requirement under the Women's Charter. You may use the [solemnisation dates calculator](#) on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website (Civil Marriage) to check when you should submit your marriage application for your intended solemnisation date.
- 27 How long is the validity of a marriage application?**  
A marriage application is valid for 6 months from the date of application.
- 28 Where can I get a checklist for my intended marriage?**  
You may click [here](#) for an overview of the civil marriage process. For more information on the step-by-step application submission process, please visit "Our Marriage Journey" website (Civil Marriage).
- 29 I am in the midst of submitting my marriage application and the screen went blank after I clicked the 'Submit' button. What should I do?**  
If your screen went blank while submitting your marriage application, it is recommended that you clear the cache in the browser before accessing the website again.
- If you have not made payment for the marriage fees after clicking 'Submit', you will need to resubmit the marriage application.
- If you have made payment for the marriage fees after clicking 'Submit', please check and verify your application status on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website. You may go to '[e-Services](#)' on the website and click Civil - 'Search for Marriage Applications'.
- 30 Is it mandatory to invite a licensed solemniser?**  
If you intend to hold your solemnisation ceremony at an external venue, you must invite a licensed solemniser to solemnise your marriage.
- However, if you intend to hold your solemnisation at the Registry of Marriages (ROM), you do not need to invite a solemniser, as ROM will arrange for an in-house solemniser to officiate the ceremony.
- 31 I have submitted my marriage application. How do I know if my application is successful?**  
You may go to '[e-Services](#)' on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website and click 'Search for Marriage Application' under 'Civil'.

- 32 I have tried to invite solemnisers for my intended marriage through the portal but none are available. Can the Registry of Marriages (ROM) help to find a solemniser for me?**  
We strongly encourage couples to personally invite the solemniser to officiate at your wedding through 'Our Marriage Journey' website. However, if you are unable to find a solemniser by one month before your intended marriage date, you may write to us [here](#).
- 33 My NRIC reflects both my principal name and hanyu pinyin name. Which name should I enter when submitting my marriage application?**  
Please enter only your principal name when submitting your marriage application.
- 34 If I solemnise my marriage at an external venue (outside of ROM), when will I receive the marriage certificate?**  
Your solemniser will register your marriage after solemnisation and within a week, you will receive a digital copy of your official marriage certificate via email.
- 35 I am submitting my marriage application online. Can I save as PDF before printing?**  
The Registry of Marriages (ROM) will send an email notification to inform couples of their successful application.
- Once you have submitted the application, please print (and save as PDF, if you wish) the 'Summary of Application' and payment receipt. Couples should take note of their appointment with ROM to verify documents and perform declaration (V/D) and the list of documents to bring.
- 36 Can I go to ROM without a witness?**  
On the day of marriage, two witnesses must be physically present at the solemnisation ceremony to observe the ceremony.
- However, the witnesses need not come for the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment. For the V/D appointment, couples must bring photocopies or screenshots of their witnesses' NRIC (for Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident) or Passport (for Foreigners) for verification.
- 37 My spouse-to-be is a foreigner and not working in Singapore. How do I fill in the FIN number in the marriage application?**  
If your spouse-to be is a foreigner and not holding any work/immigration pass in Singapore, you may select 'Short term visit pass' as the pass type and leave the FIN field blank.
- 38 My divorce certificate is in a foreign language. Do I have to translate it to English and have it notarised or endorsed?**  
If a divorce certificate is in Malay, Chinese, Tamil or Bahasa Indonesia, translation to English is not required. However, if the divorce certificate is in other foreign languages, translation to English by a certified interpreter is required.
- While there is no requirement for a divorce certificate to be notarised, a notarised marriage certificate will facilitate the verification of documents. If you intend to notarise the document, you may approach the relevant country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or its Embassy in Singapore.
- 39 I have gone through divorce but my lawyer emailed me the entire official document with the chop from Court. Do I still need to apply for another copy?**  
If the divorce was finalised in Singapore, please bring an email print-out of the divorce document, which shows that your divorce had been made final, to your appointment for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) at the Registry of Marriages. If the divorce was finalised overseas, please bring the original or certified true copy of the divorce document.

## B. MARRIAGE APPLICATION – MINOR AGED BELOW 21

**1 I was below 21 years old when I submitted my marriage application but I will be above 21 on the date of solemnisation. Do I still need my parents' consent?**

If you are above 21 years old on the date of your solemnisation, your parents' consent will not be required for you to get married.

**2 If the parents of the minor can't speak any of the local languages, will the Registry of Marriages (ROM) provide an interpreter?**

If the parents of minors getting married are not able to speak any of the local languages, they may approach the respective embassy to engage a certified interpreter. The Registry of Marriages (ROM) will not be providing an interpreter.

**3 Can a minor below 18 years old get married?**

Persons under 18 years old cannot marry unless their parents or legal guardians give their consent. On top of the parental or guardian consent, the couple is also required to apply for a Special Marriage Licence via the 'Our Marriage Journey' website [here](#).

Upon successful submission of the application, the couple and the parents of the minor will be contacted by a staff from the agency appointed by MSF, for a social assessment of their suitability for marriage. As part of the social assessment, the couple and their parents are required to attend the Mandatory Marriage Preparation Programme.

**4 Can a minor aged 18 to below 21 years old get married?**

Persons aged 18 to below 21 years old cannot marry unless their parents or legal guardians give their consent and a licence for the marriage has been granted.

For couples where one or both of the marrying parties are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents and at least one party is aged 18 to below 21 years old, they will be required to attend a Marriage Preparation Programme (Mprep) conducted by an MSF-approved organization. You may view the list of MSF-approved service providers [here](#).

The couple must complete the programme before submitting the marriage application and bring along the certificate of attendance when they come to ROM for their Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D).

*\*Note: Age is as at day of solemnisation.*

**5 Who can give consent for the marriage of a minor?**

| Circumstances   | Person or persons whose consent is required   |
|---|---|
| The minor was born to wedded parents  |   |
| Both parents are living   |   |
| a) If parents are living together   | Both parents are required to give consent. The parents' consent must be accompanied by supporting documents.  |
| b) If parents are divorced or separated by order of the Court or by agreement | Consent to marry must be given by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The parent who was granted custody over the minor</li> <li>- Both parents if the custody of the minor was granted to one parent during a part of the year and to the other parent for the rest of the year.</li> </ul> |

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|--|---|
| <p>c) If one parent has been deserted by the other</p> <p>d) If both parents have been deprived of custody of minor by order of the Court</p>                                    | <p>Parent's consent must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p> <p>Consent to marry must be given by the parent who has been deserted. Parent's consent must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p> <p>Consent to marry must be given by the person to whom the custody of the minor was granted by order of the court. The consent to marry must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p>   |
| <p>One parent had passed on</p> <p>a) If a legal guardian has been appointed by the deceased parent</p> <p>b) If there is no legal guardian appointed by the deceased parent</p> | <p>If the surviving parent and legal guardian act jointly, then both must give consent for the minor to get married. If either the surviving parent or legal guardian is the sole guardian of the minor, then only the sole guardian must give consent for the minor to get married. The consent to marry must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p> <p>The surviving parent must give consent for the minor to get married. The consent must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p> |
| <p>Both parents had passed on</p>  | <p>The legal guardians or guardian appointed by the deceased parents or by the Court under the Guardianship of Infants Act 1934 must give consent for the minor to get married. The consent to marry must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p>   |
| <p>The minor was born out of wedlock</p>   |   |
| <p>The mother of minor is alive</p>  | <p>The mother of the minor must give her consent for the minor to get married. If she has been deprived of custody of the minor by Court order, the person to whom the custody has been committed by Court order, must give his or her consent for the minor to get married. The consent to marry must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p>  |
| <p>The mother of the minor had passed on</p>   | <p>The legal guardian who was appointed by the minor's mother or the Court, must give his or her consent for the minor to get married. The consent to marry must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p>  |
| <p>The minor was adopted</p>   |   |
| <p>If the father, mother, legal guardian or guardian of the adopted child is not available or does not give his consent</p>  | <p>If the minor was adopted, the adoptive parent has to give his or her consent for the minor to get married. The consent to marry must be accompanied by supporting documents.</p>   |



**6 How to apply for a Special Marriage Licence (SML)?**

If either party to an intended marriage is below 18 years old, you may apply for a Special Marriage Licence (SML) on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website under Civil marriage process or click [here](#). Please note that the application is subject to Minister's approval.

**7 Where can I obtain the parental consent form for marriage of minors between 18 and 21 years old?**

The consent form for marriage of minors between 18 and 21 years old will be given during the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment at the Registry of Marriages (ROM). The minor's parents must be present during the appointment to sign the consent form.

**8 Can the parents of a minor provide their consent to marry without the minor present?**

The minor who intends to get married, must be present with his or her parents at the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, for the parents to give their consent to marry.

**9 I am below 18 years old and have completed the Mandatory Marriage Preparation Programme. How do I submit the programme completion certificate to ROM?**

You may click [here](#) to log in via Singpass to update the completion of Mandatory Marriage Preparation Programme and upload the programme completion certificate. The form will take approximately 2 minutes to complete. Please have the following ready for the update:

- bride and groom's identity or passport number
- marriage application number
- programme completion certificate

Alternatively, please submit the programme completion certificate when you come to ROM for your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment.

## C. MARRIAGE APPLICATION – SINGAPORE CITIZEN AND A FOREIGNER

**1 Can I apply for a HDB flat with my non-citizen spouse?**

For questions on application or purchase of HDB flats, you may enquire directly with the [Housing and Development Board \(HDB\)](#).

**2 Can we have children if my spouse is still a non-citizen after marriage?**

Having a child is a personal decision. For enquiries related to birth registration and immigration matters, you may wish to enquire directly with the [Immigration and Checkpoints Authority \(ICA\)](#).

**3 Can my spouse work in Singapore after marriage?**

If you would like to check if your spouse can work in Singapore, you may enquire directly with the [Ministry of Manpower \(MOM\)](#).

**4 I have applied for the pre-marriage Long Term Visit Pass (LTVP) but it will take 4 weeks of processing time. Can I proceed to submit my marriage application?**

You may submit your marriage application via the 'Our Marriage Journey' website. However, please note that marrying a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident will not automatically grant a foreigner a long-term stay in Singapore.

**5 I am a Singapore Citizen / Permanent Resident and marrying a work permit holder. What are the steps we have to take to register our marriage?**

Current or former work permit holder (including Training Work Permit holder) who wishes to marry a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident, must seek approval from the Ministry of Manpower via this [form](#).

This is a condition that all Work Permit holders agree to, before they are allowed to work in Singapore. If they fail to do so, their privilege to work in Singapore could be withdrawn and they may also be prevented from entering Singapore for a period of time.

MOM will take about 4 weeks to process the application, and the applicant will be notified of the outcome by email. For more information, please visit the [MOM's website](#).

**6 My spouse-to-be is a foreigner and her current passport shows her former married name. Does she need to change her name back to her maiden name before applying for marriage with me?**

The decision to change one's name is a personal choice. For purpose of marriage registration, the Registry of Marriages (ROM) will use the name stated in her passport at the point of marriage.

**7 I am a Singaporean and my spouse-to-be is a foreigner. What is the process to register our marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**

If you or your spouse-to-be is not a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident and you intend to be married in Singapore, the law requires at least one of you to be present in Singapore for a minimum of 31 continuous days. These 31 days, which do not include the day of arrival in Singapore, can be fulfilled in a single visit made to Singapore at any time before the marriage application is submitted. Once this requirement is fulfilled, you may proceed to submit your marriage application on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website (Civil Marriage). The marriage application must be submitted at least 21 days before your intended date of marriage.

Once you have submitted the application, you will receive an email notification of the successful application. Please take note of the appointment date and time with ROM for your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D). This appointment is usually done 1 to 14 days before your solemnisation date, and both parties (bride and groom) must be present with the relevant documents as stated in your Summary of Application.

Please note that current or former work permit holder (including Training Work Permit holder) who wishes to marry a Singapore citizen or Permanent Resident, should obtain approval from Ministry of Manpower (MOM) before proceeding to submit a marriage application. This is to ensure that the marriage application does not breach any work permit conditions. If you have any enquiries regarding this matter, you may enquire directly with the Ministry of Manpower (MOM).

**8 I have applied to seek approval from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) for my intended marriage with a Singaporean or work permit holder. Can I submit a marriage application?**

Please wait for the outcome of your application from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) before submitting a marriage application. This is to ensure that your marriage application does not breach any work permit conditions.

**9 I am a work permit holder and have obtained approval from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to marry my partner. How long is the validity of the approval letter?**

The approval letter issued by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to work permit holders intending to marry a Singapore citizen or permanent resident will remain valid as long as there is no change to the intended spouse-to-be.

## D. SOLEMNISATION VENUE OUTSIDE ROM

### 1 What are the steps to get married at an external venue (outside ROM)?

If you wish to have your solemnisation ceremony at an external venue, you will first need to confirm your solemnisation date, time and venue. Once you have confirmed these details, you can invite a Licensed Solemniser (LS) to officiate your marriage when you submit your marriage application online.

After the LS has accepted your invitation, you may proceed to attend the appointment with ROM for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D). You and your spouse-to-be must be present during the appointment, with the relevant documents as stated in the 'Summary of Application'. For couples who are eligible for online declaration, they are required to login to the website using their Singpass to make the declaration.

Lastly, on your solemnisation day, please ensure that your two witnesses are present for the ceremony.

### 2 Is there any difference in marriage fees if we hold our solemnisation ceremony at an external venue instead of the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?

There is no difference in marriage application fees if you have your solemnisation at an external venue instead of the Registry of Marriages (ROM).

## E. VIDEO-LINK V/D APPOINTMENT AND SOLEMNISATION

### 1 What is the eligibility criteria for Verification of documents and declaration (V/D) through video link?

To be eligible for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) via video link, you will need to meet the following criteria:

- Both bride and groom must be Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents
- Must only have Singapore-issued documents i.e. NRIC, divorce certificate or death certificate of late spouse issued by Singapore authority (if applicable). We will not be able to verify foreign documents (e.g. passports, overseas divorce certificate) via video link
- Both the bride and groom must be aged 21 and above at the point of solemnisation
- Have a valid notice of marriage filed at least 21 days before your intended date of solemnisation.
- Bride and groom must have an Internet-enabled laptop or tablet with web camera

For more details on the requirements and processes for video link appointment, please click [here](#).

### 2 Why are only couples with Singapore-issued documents eligible for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) through video link?

As marriage is bound by law, it is necessary to ensure that there are stringent checks in place for the verification of documents, especially if done through video link. Singapore-issued documents are typically Government-issued (e.g. NRIC) and can be easily verified. However, foreign documents require a more complex level of checks and verification, including verifying the identity and status of the parties, to ensure that the solemnisation is legally valid.

### 3 We would like to solemnise our marriage via video link. How do we go about it?

This mode of solemnisation should only be adopted under exceptional circumstances that prevent both of you from solemnising your marriage in the presence of each other, the solemniser or your two witnesses. You may request for a video link solemnisation subject to Registrar's approval.

Please complete this [form](#) with details of both parties and the reason for your request. We will review your request and provide an update on its status within 3 working days. Once approved, you can proceed to book a solemniser and submit your marriage application.

In addition to having a valid reason for the request, please click [here](#) to note the other requirements to be met for a video link solemnisation.

### 4 Can the bride/groom or the two witnesses attend the video-link solemnisation from overseas?

For the marriage to be solemnised via video link under Singapore law, the groom, bride, two witnesses and the solemniser must be physically present in Singapore while they are allowed to be situated at different locations within Singapore during the solemnisation ceremony.

### 5 If my marriage application (for civil marriages) has expired / has been cancelled, am I eligible for solemnisation through video link?

For a marriage to be valid, the marriage application needs to be valid at the point of solemnisation, whether done through video link or in person. If your marriage application has expired / has been cancelled, please submit a new marriage application online at <https://www.marriage.gov.sg/>.

## F. VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND DECLARATION (V/D) APPOINTMENT

**1 Can we go to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) on the day of the solemnisation?**

For Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D), please come to the Registry of Marriages on the selected appointment date and time, so that a marriage licence can be issued within the legal time frame for you to proceed with your solemnisation as planned.

**2 Can we change our Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment date?**

For Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) please come to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) on the selected appointment date and time, so that a marriage licence can be issued within the legal time frame for you to proceed your solemnisation as planned.

Any request to change the V/D appointment date should be for exigency reasons. If you have good reasons to change your V/D appointment date, you may go to e-Services on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website to make the change.

ROM is open for V/D appointment from Monday to Friday (excluding public holiday). For unforeseen circumstances that require you to walk in for V/D without an appointment, you may have to wait for more than 1 hour during the peak period. Priority will be given to couples with V/D appointments.

**3 Can I go to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) without my spouse-to-be?**

Both you and your spouse-to-be are required to be present for the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment.

**4 What and who should we bring to the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**

Please refer to your 'Summary of Application for the list of persons and items to bring to the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment. To retrieve your 'Summary of Application', you may click here and click on 'Summary of Application'.

**5 Do we need to bring our 2 witnesses to the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**

Witnesses need not come for the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment. However, the couple must bring photocopies or screenshots of the witnesses' NRIC (for Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident) or Passport (for Foreigners) for document verification.

**6 Do we need to bring our parents to the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**

If you are a minor and your parents' consent to the marriage is needed, your parents must be present for the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment.

**7 I have a Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment but I forgot to bring the photocopies of my witnesses' NRIC or passport. Will a screenshot do?**

If you do not have the photocopies of witnesses' NRIC or passport, you may show the screenshot of their identification documents to the officer during your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment. Alternatively, you may log in to 'Our Marriage Journey' website ahead of your V/D appointment to upload a copy of your witnesses' NRIC or passport for verification.

**8 Why must the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment be close to the solemnisation date?**

The Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment is usually held between 1 to 14 days prior to your solemnisation date, so that a marriage licence can be issued within a legal time frame for your solemnisation to proceed.

**9 How long is the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**

The duration of the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment depends on each couple's situation and the complexity of documents to be verified. On average, an appointment may take between 15 to 20 minutes. For more complex situations and documents, the appointment may take more than half an hour.

**10 My spouse-to-be is a minor and not a local. If his or her parents are not able to make it for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, how can they give consent?**

The parents/guardians of the minor can go to the Notary Public in their home country to execute the consent. The notarised consent document must be attested/ legalised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the equivalent authority of that country and further endorsed by the Singapore Consulate in that country.

**11 I am considering to marry at an external venue or via video-link. What is the next step after I have completed the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D)?**

After completing the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D), we will review your marriage application and issue marriage licence if everything is in order. Upon issuance of marriage licence, you will receive an email notification and you may proceed with the solemnisation. Prior to the solemnisation day, you may log in to your marriage application dashboard to print the ceremonial marriage certificate if you would like to keep a copy as a memento.

After your marriage has been registered by the solemniser, you will receive a digital copy of your official marriage certificate via email. This certificate can be used for official purpose.

**12 Do we need to update our marriage application prior to our Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment if my spouse-to-be's passport has been renewed?**

If your spouse-to-be's passport has been renewed after you have submitted your marriage application, please bring both the old and new passports to your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment.

**13 Can I use my passport for my solemnisation if I have misplaced my NRIC?**

For Singapore citizen: If you have misplaced/lost your pink NRIC, please bring your original valid Singapore passport; or an NRIC replacement collection slip with a photo attached; or digital NRIC (access via Singpass app), to your solemnisation.

For Singapore permanent resident: If you have misplaced/lost your blue NRIC, please bring your original valid passport and an NRIC replacement collection slip with a photo attached; or digital NRIC (access via Singpass app), to your solemnisation.

**14 Can I bring only one witness' NRIC to my Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**

Couples are required to bring the necessary documents stated in their 'Summary of Application' to the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, which includes photocopies/screenshot of both witnesses' NRIC (for Singapore citizens and permanent residents) or passport (for foreigners). Alternatively, couple may log in to 'Our Marriage Journey' website ahead of their V/D appointment to upload a copy of their witnesses' NRIC or passport for verification.

**15 When will I be notified of the date and time of my Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**

The date and time for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) will be shown on your summary of application. You can also view the appointment details on the marriage application dashboard after logging in via Singpass.

- 16 What is a Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**  
During the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, a ROM officer will verify the documents, and the couple will perform the declaration in front of the officer. A marriage licence can only be issued to the couple after they have completed the V/D.
- The appointment will be held 1 to 14 days prior to the couple's solemnisation date. Both bride and groom-to-be must attend the appointment with all relevant documents stated in the 'Summary of Application'.
- 17 Is there a dress code for the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**  
There is no specific dress code for the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment.
- 18 Who will be verifying the documents during the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**  
During a Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, an officer from the Registry of Marriages (ROM) will verify the documents. Couples will then perform the declaration in front of the officer.
- 19 Can my solemniser verify the documents during the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment?**  
Solemnisers are only licensed to officiate the solemnisation ceremony. During a Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, an officer from the Registry of Marriages (ROM) will verify the documents. Couples will then perform the declaration in front of the officer.
- 20 I can't seem to be able to log in to view my marriage application?**  
You may go to ['e-Services'](#) on the Our Marriage Journey (OMJ) website and click on Civil marriage 'Download summary of application'.
- 21 For the Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment, do I need to print out the 'Solemnisation Booking Confirmation' email or can I show it from my mobile device?**  
Please ensure your solemnisation booking is accepted by the solemniser before your Verification of documents and declaration (V/D) appointment. You do not need to print out the email notification on 'Solemnisation Booking Confirmation' as the booking accepted by the solemniser via the portal will be automatically updated in your marriage application.
- 22 My spouse-to-be and I have completed the declaration at ROM. We wish to change our solemnisation details but we are unable to do it online. What can we do?**  
You may write to us using this [form](#) for assistance.



## G. ONLINE DECLARATION

**1 My spouse-to-be and I are required to sign an online declaration. When is the latest date that we should sign the declaration?**

It is advisable that both of you sign the online declaration as early as possible. This ensures timely verification and issuance of a marriage licence within the legal timeframe for you to proceed with your solemnisation as planned. The latest that both of you may sign the online declaration is 3 days before your solemnisation date.

Additionally, if your solemnisation booking is pending solemniser's response, please communicate directly with your solemniser soon as your booking needs to be accepted via the portal for the issuance of a marriage licence.

**2 My spouse-to-be and I have completed the online declaration. What is the next step?**

After you and your spouse-to-be have completed the online declaration, we will review your marriage application. If additional verification is needed, we will contact you either via email or telephone. If everything is in order, a marriage licence will be issued after the minimum 21-days notice period, within 30 days before the proposed solemnisation date. You will receive an email notification confirming the issuance of a marriage licence for your proposed solemnisation date.

If you are solemnising outside ROM, you may log in to the dashboard to print the ceremonial marriage certificate should you wish to use it for signing at your solemnisation ceremony.

Within a week after your solemnisation, your marriage will be registered and both of you will receive a digital copy of your official marriage certificate via email. This certificate can be used for official purpose.

**3 How do I make online declaration? Is there a guide on digital signing that I can refer to?**

You may refer to the infographics information guide [here](#).

**4 My spouse-to-be and I have completed the online declaration. We wish to change our solemnisation details but we are unable to do it online. What can we do?**

You may write to us using this [form](#) for assistance.

## H. SOLEMNISATION (CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY, AS PROVIDED BY THE LAW)

### 1 What and who should we bring to our solemnisation ceremony?

The details of documents and persons to bring to your solemnisation ceremony is listed in your 'Summary of Application'. You may click [here](#) to 'Download summary of application'.

### 2 What is the dress code for the couple and the two official witnesses at the solemnisation ceremony?

For the solemnisation ceremony, the couple should be properly dressed in an attire that befits the solemnity of marriage. Proper attire includes shirt and pants or other formal male attire for the groom, and a dress or other formal female attire for the bride. Couples should not be dressed in an indecent or inappropriate wear. The solemniser may decline to proceed with the solemnisation if he/she feels your attire is inappropriate for the occasion.

### 3 How long is the solemnisation ceremony?

Solemnisation ceremonies conducted at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) will usually take about 8 to 10 minutes.

Solemnisation ceremonies held at an external venue may take a longer time, as the solemniser may conduct it in a manner that he or she deems fit. Couple should communicate directly with the solemniser to share their plan for solemnisation and confirm the arrangement with solemniser.

### 4 Is it compulsory for the couple's parents to attend the solemnisation ceremony?

It is not compulsory for the couple's parents to attend the solemnisation ceremony, unless they have been appointed as the official witnesses for the ceremony.

### 5 Can we invite a Licensed Solemniser from Singapore to officiate our solemnisation overseas?

Licensed Solemnisers can only solemnise marriages in Singapore.

### 6 Can solemnisation be conducted on board a ship?

Yes, you can solemnise your marriage on a ship, as long as it is within Singapore's territorial waters during the solemnisation ceremony.

### 7 What must I do if my official witness(es) cannot make it on my solemnisation day?

Before the day of solemnisation, update your marriage application with new witness' details using our e-service 'Change solemnisation details' if your official witness(es) cannot attend your solemnisation.

In case of unexpected changes on the solemnisation day, please find replacement witness (aged at least 21 years old) among your guests, and inform your solemniser before the ceremony so he or she can assist you accordingly. On the next immediate working day after your solemnisation ceremony, please contact the Registry of Marriages (ROM) via email at [msf\\_rom@msf.gov.sg](mailto:msf_rom@msf.gov.sg) or call 6338 7808 to update details of witness.

A \$25 fee is payable for the change of witness' details.

### 8 Who is responsible for the accuracy of entries appearing on our marriage certificate?

The bride and groom are responsible for the accuracy of the information in the marriage certificate.

When submitting the marriage application online, please enter and check your details thoroughly to ensure that you have submitted the correct information.

During your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment or while making an online declaration (for eligible couples), please check your details again.

**9 Am I allowed to create my own vows or edit the ones given by the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**  
If you wish to create your own wedding vows, please submit your request using this [form](#) and we will review it accordingly.

**10 Who will sign the Marriage Certificate?**  
The official marriage certificate issued to couples is a digital copy which does not require any signature or seals.

**11 What is a civil marriage?**  
A civil marriage is a marriage ceremony officiated by a Licensed Solemniser in the presence of 2 credible witnesses.

The Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore administers the provisions of the Women's Charter 1961 for the solemnisation and registration of civil marriages. For cases where either one party to the intended marriage is a non-Muslim, the couple may consider registering a civil marriage with the Registry.

**12 How can I search for a Licensed Solemniser?**  
You may view the list of Licensed Solemnisers (LS) when you start a marriage application online.

**13 Do I need to pay a fee to the Licensed Solemniser?**  
Licensed Solemnisers are volunteers who provide marriage solemnisation and registration services as part of their contribution to the community. While no fee is expected, you may reimburse their incurred costs or give the solemniser a token as an appreciation for their time. This is entirely up to you.

**14 My solemniser just informed us that he/she is unable to officiate our wedding and we have found a replacement. Can we ask for a waiver of the fees payable for change of solemnisation details?**  
If a solemniser is unable to solemnise your marriage after he/she has accepted your invitation via the portal, he/she will need to inform the Registry of Marriages (ROM) stating the reason for ROM to cancel the booking and assist with fee waiver for change of solemnisation details.

**15 What should I do if my solemniser has not shown up and is not contactable?**  
If your solemniser has an emergency to attend to and is unable to officiate your solemnisation, he or she should inform you beforehand and arrange for his or her buddy solemniser to officiate the solemnisation instead. Please remember to record the buddy solemniser's details including his or her name, contact number and arrival time.

In the rare event that you are unable to reach your solemniser on the day of solemnisation, you may still proceed with the other segments of your wedding program (e.g. reception, entertainment, cake-cutting, toasting etc). Please contact the Registry of Marriages (ROM) at 6338 7808 on the next working day and we will arrange to solemnise your marriage at the ROM office as soon as possible.

**16 How early should I arrive at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) on my solemnisation day?**  
On your solemnisation day, you are advised to arrive at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) at least 20 minutes prior to your solemnisation time.

**17 Is there any limit to the number of solemnisations conducted at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) per day?**  
Solemnisation slots at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) are limited and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. In the event that the ROM office is fully booked on your desired solemnisation date, you may consider holding your solemnisation ceremony at an external venue or opting for the next available date.

**18 Can we know the Licensed Solemniser who will be officiating our ceremony at the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**

The Licensed Solemniser on duty of the day will be assigned to officiate your ceremony at the Registry of Marriages (ROM). If you have any concerns about the language used during your solemnisation, you may inform the officer during your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment.

**19 Can a marriage take place without a solemnisation?**

A marriage cannot take place without a solemnisation conducted by a Licensed Solemniser.

**20 What are the standard marriage vows which will be used for a solemnisation ceremony held at the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**

The standard marriage vows which will be used in solemnisation ceremonies at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) are:

(1) In token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love, with this ring, I marry you.

(2) I vow to always keep my love, as pure as it is today.  
In your laughter, and your tears, in your sickness, and your health.  
In your comfort, and your fear, in your poverty and your wealth.  
I promise to be true to you, I promise to cherish you.  
I give this ring, as a token, I now marry you.

**21 Can any other person besides the Licensed Solemniser officiate a marriage?**

Only a Licensed Solemniser can officiate a marriage.

**22 I am a divorcee. Will the solemniser announce my marital status during the ceremony?**

The solemniser will not announce your marital status during the solemnisation ceremony.

**23 What is the responsibility of a witness in a marriage solemnisation?**

The witnesses will need to observe the solemnisation ceremony, including exchange of marriage vows between the groom and bride.

**24 What is the difference between getting married within and outside the Registry of Marriages (ROM) office?**

The Registry of Marriages (ROM) provides a basic solemnisation service at the ROM office from Mondays to Fridays (excluding public holidays). Subject to availability on a first-come-first-serve basis, couples interested in this service can book a solemnisation slot when they start a marriage application online. Upon securing a slot, an in-house solemniser will be assigned to the couple.

On the other hand, solemnisation outside ROM allows couples the flexibility to determine the venue, date and time, and theme of their dream wedding. Couple will be able to invite a licensed solemniser to solemnise their marriage when they start a marriage application online.

## I. MARRIAGE PREPARATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES – FOREIGNER SPOUSES

### 1 Can I know more about the marriage programmes for Singaporean-Foreigner couples?

As transnational couple, Singaporeans and their prospective non-resident spouse may face unique challenges such as cross-cultural differences. They are highly encouraged to attend marriage preparation and support programmes. The programmes are designed to equip couples with practical information on community resources and information on living in Singapore to help foreign spouses adapt to life in Singapore.

Couples will also learn skills such as communication, conflict resolution and financial planning which can be applied in their marriage. If necessary, couples can also be referred to relevant community agencies for additional support.

If you are not married yet, you can sign up for the Marriage Preparation Programme when you submit a marriage application via the ['Our Marriage Journey'](#) website.

For more information (such as on criteria and process) on the Marriage Preparation / Support programme, please contact any of the agencies listed below.

#### **Strengthening Families Programme@Family Service Centre (Care Corner - Tampines)**

Address: 287 Tampines Street 22 #01-366 Singapore 520287

Contact number: 6258 0020

Email: [FAM.TM@carecorner.org.sg](mailto:FAM.TM@carecorner.org.sg)

#### **Strengthening Families Programme@Family Service Centre (Fei Yue - Choa Chu Kang)**

Address: 491B River Valley Road, Valley Point Shopping Centre #04-04A Singapore 248373

Contact number: 9750 8810 / 6769 0430

Email: [FAM@fyfcs.org](mailto:FAM@fyfcs.org)

### 2 I am a Singaporean above 21 years old and getting married to a non-resident. Am I required to attend any programme?

If you are a Singapore Citizen who is marrying or is married to a non-Resident, you are highly encouraged to attend the Marriage Preparation/Support programme. The programme is complimentary (no fee required) and is designed to support you and your partner build a strong marriage foundation within a cross-cultural context. If necessary, you can be referred to relevant community agencies for additional support.

You can sign up for the Marriage Preparation Programme when you submit a marriage application via the ['Our Marriage Journey'](#) website.

For more information (such as on criteria and process) on the Marriage Preparation / Support programme, please contact any of the agencies listed below.

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Address: 491B River Valley Road, Valley Point Shopping Centre #04-04A Singapore 248373

Contact number: 9750 8810 / 6769 0430

Email: [FAM@fyfcs.org](mailto:FAM@fyfcs.org)

**3 How long is the Marriage Preparation Programme at the Registry of Marriages (ROM)? Do we have to pay for it?**

The duration of Marriage Preparation Programme at ROM is 3 hours, from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

The duration of Marriage Support Programme (MSP) is 8 hours (at agency's premises).

Both are free of charge.

**4 I am not able to attend the Marriage Preparation Programme at ROM on the given date. Can I request a change of class date?**

The programme is usually held on the same day as your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment. If you wish to change the class date, you may consider changing the V/D appointment as well.

**5 Are there any support services available for foreign spouses in Singapore?**

The following support services are available for foreign spouses in Singapore:

**Family Service Centres (FSCs)**

Family Service Centres (FSCs) are community-based social work entities that provide a suite of services, predominantly social work intervention. FSCs will focus on serving low-income and vulnerable individuals and families to help them achieve independence, stability and resilience. FSCs serve individuals and families:

- Regardless of age, race, language or religion;
- At different life stages e.g. couples, families with young children, adolescents and elderly members;
- Of various family compositions

You may locate the nearest FSC using the [FSC locator](#).

**Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People (ACMI)**

The Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People (ACMI) was appointed by the Catholic Archbishop of Singapore, with the objective of giving migrants a sense of belonging and security through acts of compassion such as befriending, hospital visits, providing food, shelter, legal aid, information and referrals. ACMI's beneficiaries are migrant workers, students, spouses and local employers who need assistance, regardless of religion.

If you need assistance, you may call the ACMI helpline at 6280 5424, email them at [general@acmi.org.sg](mailto:general@acmi.org.sg), or visit their website (<https://acmi.org.sg>).

## J. RULES FOR GETTING MARRIED IN SINGAPORE

**1 How do I report a case of bigamy?**

If you suspect a case of bigamy, please report it to the Police through the Electronic Police Centre with relevant supporting documents. The Registry of Marriages will provide our fullest co-operation to the investigating body when the need arises.

**2 What is the legal penalty for bigamy?**

The legal penalty for bigamy is jail, or fine, or both.

**3 Is education, occupation, salary, citizenship, etc. part of the rules for marriage?**

Education, occupation, salary, citizenship, etc. are not part of the rules for marriage.

**4 What should we do to get engaged to marry?**

Getting engaged is a personal decision. Hence, there is no legal provision for engagement.

**5 Can we have our customary or religious marriage ceremony before the solemnisation?**

The customary or religious marriage ceremony is a personal and private arrangement. Nonetheless, please note that the customary or religious ceremony is intended to be complementary to the civil solemnisation ceremony with no legal effect and is not a substitute for it.

**6 Can I marry at a Singapore Embassy in another country?**

The Singaporean Embassies overseas do not solemnise marriages.

**7 Can a person marry after a sex change?**

Under Singapore law, marriage is the union between one man and one woman. Same-sex marriage is void in Singapore.

The sex of any party to a marriage as stated at the time of the marriage in his or her identity card shall be prima facie evidence of the sex of the party.

A person who has undergone a sex change procedure shall be identified as being of the sex to which the person has been changed to.

**8 Can persons on social visit pass get married in Singapore?**

Persons on social visit pass can get married in Singapore if they meet the rules and requirements for marriage.

**9 My spouse has given consent for me to take another spouse. Can I proceed?**

You cannot proceed to take another spouse even if your spouse has given consent.

**10 Can a person object to an intended marriage and what is the procedure?**

If there are valid grounds such as the existence of a valid marriage or either party's mental incapacity of making the decision to marry, anyone can object to the intended marriage. The person may come to the Registry of Marriages to lodge a caveat or objection. Please note that there is a non-refundable prescribed fee of \$310.

**11 If both parties to the marriage are Muslims, can they marry at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) under the Civil Law?**

If both parties are Muslims, the couple must register their marriage with the Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM). If you have any further questions pertaining to religious requirements in marriages, you should consult your religious leader or the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore, MUIS.

- 12 Can one Muslim and one non-Muslim marry at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) under the Civil Law?**  
If one party is Muslim and the other is non-Muslim, the couple may consider registering a marriage under Civil Law. However, parties who are residents in other countries should check whether such a marriage in Singapore will be recognised in countries that they live in.
- If the couple has any further questions relating to the legal or religious aspect of their intended marriage, they should seek the opinion of a lawyer or the relevant religious organisations.
- 13 Do I need to change my name or title after marriage?**  
You may change your name or title after marriage, but the records with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore cannot be amended.
- 14 If my partner and I are Work Permit holders, must we seek approval from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to get married?**  
If you and your partner are both Work Permit holders, you do not need to seek approval from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to register your marriage in Singapore.
- 15 Can I register for marriage while on Student's Pass?**  
It is the prerogative of a Student's Pass holder to decide whether he/she wants to get married in Singapore. If you are a Student's Pass holder looking to marry a Singapore Citizen, you are strongly encouraged to submit a Pre-Marriage Long-Term Visit Pass Assessment (PMLA) to find out whether you qualify for a Long-Term Visit Pass. Please visit [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg) for more information to register for PMLA online.
- 16 Can I request for a waiver of the '31-day stay' requirement?**  
Couples who intend to marry in Singapore must satisfy the requirements of the Singapore law, which include the minimum 31 days' stay in Singapore before submitting a marriage application. Requests for waiver of this requirement will not be entertained.
- 17 Can I request for a waiver of the '21-day notice' requirement?**  
Couples who intend to marry in Singapore must satisfy the requirements of the Singapore law, which include the minimum notice period of 21 days before a marriage licence may be issued. Requests for waiver of this requirement will not be entertained.
- 18 My husband did not declare that he was a divorcee when we got married. What should I do?**  
Under Section 37 of the Women's Charter, it is an offence to make a false statement in the declaration for marriage registration.
- Anyone who is aware of any person who has made a false statement in declaration should report the matter directly to the Police via the Electronic Police Centre, together with relevant supporting documents. The Registry of Marriages will extend its fullest co-operation to the investigating body when the need arises.
- 19 My lawyer has issued me a letter to state that my previous marriage has been legally dissolved. Is it acceptable?**  
A person who has his/her previous marriage legally dissolved/annulled will need to show the Certificate of Making Interim Judgement Final / Decree Nisi Absolute issued from the court.
- 20 If my partner and I are foreigners who are not residing nor working in Singapore, do we need to produce a Letter or Certificate of No Impediment to marry in Singapore?**  
If you and your partner are foreigners who are not residing or working in Singapore but wish to marry here, both of you are required to provide a Letter or Certificate of No Impediment issued by your respective Embassies or relevant Government authorities, to prove that there is no impediment for you to marry under the laws of your respective home countries.



The document must clearly state both of your particulars including full name, date of birth, nationality, citizenship, identity or passport number, and religion. The original documents must be authenticated by either your respective countries' Embassies in Singapore or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in your respective countries, and further endorsed by the Singapore Consulate in that country.

Additionally, if either of you are currently residing or have resided in another country that is not your country of origin, for more than 6 months in the last 5 years, you are also required to produce a document showing your marital status and records from the relevant country. This document is to prove that you did not contract any marriage while residing in the said country. This document must be authenticated by either the relevant country's Embassy in Singapore or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the relevant country, and further endorsed by the Singapore Consulate in that country.

Please note that documents in foreign languages must be translated into English and authenticated by the relevant authorities accordingly.

**21 My partner and I are foreigners and we intend to marry in Singapore. How do we prove that we have stayed in Singapore for at least 31 continuous days?**

If you and your partner are foreigners who intend to marry in Singapore, the Registry of Marriages (ROM) will check the entry and exit date stamps in your passports to verify if at least one of you had stayed in Singapore for at least 31 continuous days before submitting a marriage application. These 31 days, which do not include the day of arrival in Singapore, can be fulfilled in a single visit made to Singapore at any time before the marriage application is submitted.

Please bring your current and old passports which were used for your 31-day stay in Singapore, to your Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D) appointment.

**22 If my partner and I are Singaporeans working overseas, do we need to fulfil the 31-days' stay requirement to marry in Singapore?**

If you and your partner are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents, you do not need to fulfil the 31-days' stay requirement in order to marry in Singapore. You may proceed to submit your marriage application online even if you are not physically present in Singapore.

After submitting marriage application via 'Our Marriage Journey' website, both of you will need to complete the declaration (either in person/via video link or online for eligible couples) and be physically present in Singapore for the solemnisation.

**23 My partner and I are foreigners. What requirements do we have to fulfil to get married in Singapore?**

The law requires at least one of you to be present in Singapore for a minimum of 31 continuous days. These 31 days, which do not include the day of arrival in Singapore, can be fulfilled in a single visit made to Singapore at any time before a marriage application is submitted. You may click [here](#) to note the other requirements for your intended marriage in Singapore.

**24 I am an Employment Pass (EP) holder, and my partner is a foreigner who is on short-term visit pass. Can we marry in Singapore?**

An Employment Pass (EP) holder and a foreigner on short-term visit pass can marry in Singapore if they have met the legal requirements for marriage.

You should check directly with the relevant authority or department in your respective countries on whether the Singapore marriage certificate is valid in your respective countries. Alternatively, you may wish to seek legal advice from a lawyer if you have doubt about the legality of your intended marriage.

## K. GENERAL ENQUIRY

### 1 **What are the opening hours for Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**

The Registry of Marriages (ROM) is open from 8.30am to 5pm from Monday to Friday, and from 8.30am to 12pm on Saturday. ROM is closed on Sundays and public holidays.

Please note that certain services are limited to specific hours only.

#### Use the self-help kiosks for NETS payment

If you would like to use the self-help kiosks at the ROM for NETS payment, you may do so from 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, and from 8.30am to 11.30am on Saturday.

#### Complete my Verification of Documents and Declaration (VD)

Once you have successfully submitted your marriage application via our website, please follow the instructions as shown on your summary of application and attend your V/D appointment as scheduled. You can log in to our website to access your VD appointment details, download summary of application and change your V/D appointment if necessary.

#### Hold my solemnisation ceremony at the ROM

If you would like to hold your solemnisation ceremony at the ROM office, please select solemnisation at ROM in your marriage application to book a solemnisation slot, between Monday and Friday (excluding public holidays). In case there is no slot available on your preferred date, please invite a licensed solemniser to solemnise your marriage at other location, outside ROM.

### 2 **Where is the Registry of Marriages (ROM) located?**

The Registry of Marriages is located at 7 Canning Rise, Singapore 179869.

### 3 **Where is the Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM) located?**

The Registry of Marriages is located at 7 Canning Rise, Singapore 179869.

### 4 **How do I get to the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**

#### By Bus

You may take buses 2, 12, 32, 33, 51, 61, 63, 80 or 197, and alight outside the Armenian Church. Please cross the traffic light to the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) fire station and walk up the hill. You will pass by the Children's Museum Singapore and National Archives of Singapore before reaching the Registry of Marriages (ROM).

#### By MRT

You may alight at City Hall MRT. Take Exit B and walk past St Andrew's Cathedral. Please cross the traffic light to Peninsula Plaza and walk straight to Grand Park City Hall. Please cross the traffic light to the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) fire station and walk up the hill. You will pass by the Children's Museum Singapore and National Archives of Singapore before reaching the Registry of Marriages (ROM).

### 5 **Is there a carpark at the Registry of Marriages (ROM)? What are the parking charges?**

Next to the ROM building, there is a public carpark with limited lots, managed by Metro Parking. Alternative parking sites are located at Armenian Street or Fort Canning Park. The parking fee is payable by cashcard. There is a cashcard top-up machine outside ROM building.

### 6 **Does the Registry of Marriages (ROM) conduct pre-nuptial agreement?**

As a prenuptial agreement is considered a legal matter, you may wish to seek legal advice from your lawyer.

- 7 How can I view the available slots for solemnisation at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) office?**  
To view the available solemnisation slots at the Registry of Marriages, you may click [here](#). The dates shown are for reference only. Couples will have to submit a marriage application via the Our Marriage Journey website in order to book a solemnisation slot at ROM.
- 8 Can the Registry of Marriages (ROM) help to provide witnesses for my marriage?**  
Couples who intend to register a civil marriage in Singapore must arrange for their own witnesses for their intended marriage. The witnesses must be above 21 years old, known to the couple and be present on the solemnisation day.
- 9 Where can I find statistics on marriages in Singapore?**  
To obtain the statistics on marriages in Singapore, you may visit the [Department of Statistics](#) website.
- 10 What is a marriage licence?**  
A marriage licence authorises the solemnisation of a marriage to take place.
- 11 What are the documents needed for a Muslim Marriage?**  
If you have any enquiries regarding Muslim marriages, you may contact the Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM), Singapore.
- 12 How many times can a person remarry?**  
A person can enter into a new marriage as long as his or her previous marriage has been legally dissolved.
- 13 If a person loses contact with his or her spouse after their marriage, what is their marital status?**  
If a person loses contact with his or her spouse after marriage, he or she may wish to seek legal advice from a lawyer regarding their marital status.
- 14 I just did a credit bureau report and my marital status was stated as “married” instead of “single”. How do I change it?**  
If your credit bureau report reflects a different marital status, please contact the credit bureau to update your marital status.
- 15 Why is my Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) pre-marriage assessment unsuccessful?**  
If you would like to enquire about your Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) pre-marriage assessment, you may contact the [Immigration and Checkpoints Authority \(ICA\)](#).
- 16 How do I upload my marriage certificate online?**  
If you need to upload your marriage certificate online for any reason, please write to the Registry of Marriages using this [form](#) so that we can better address your enquiry. Please enter your marriage certificate number in your message.
- 17 I have registered my marriage with the Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM). Can I obtain a marriage certificate from the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**  
If you have registered your marriage with the Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM), you will not be able to obtain a marriage certificate from the Registry of Marriages (ROM).  
  
The Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore administers the provisions of the Women's Charter 1961 for the solemnisation and registration of civil marriages, where at least one party to the intended marriage is a non-Muslim.
- 18 My solemnisation will be held in 2 weeks' time at the Registry of Marriages. Can I request to get the marriage certificate earlier than the solemnisation date?**  
The marriage certificate will be issued immediately after the solemnisation ceremony, and no earlier.

**19 Where can I find the marriage certificate number?**

If you are holding a physical copy of the marriage certificate, the marriage certificate number is stated on the top right-hand corner of the certificate.

If you are holding a digital copy of the marriage certificate, the marriage certificate number is indicated beside the marriage date in the certificate.

If you have misplaced your marriage certificate, you may log in to your Singpass to retrieve your marriage certificate number which is found under 'Family' of 'My Profile'. Alternatively, you may consider applying for a duplicate marriage certificate [here](#) to know your marriage certificate number.

**20 What are the process and requirements to become a Licensed Solemniser (LS)?**

To enquire about the process and requirements to become a Licensed Solemniser (LS), please write in to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) using this [form](#).

**21 How do I apply for citizenship or Permanent Residency (PR) for my spouse?**

You may apply for citizenship or Permanent Residency through the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) website. If you have further enquiries, you may contact ICA through their [online feedback form](#) or call 6391-6100.

**22 I have recently married in Singapore. Is my marriage certificate recognised overseas?**

To check if a marriage certificate issued in Singapore is recognised in a particular country, please approach the country's relevant authority or department. Alternatively, if you have doubts about the legality of your marriage, you may wish to seek legal advice from a lawyer.

**23 How to apply for Special Marriage Licence for Muslim marriage?**

For enquiries on Special Marriage Licenses for Muslim Marriages, you may contact the Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM), Singapore.

**24 What is the difference between a “Marriage Application” and “Solemnisation”?**

A 'Marriage Application' is submitted by a couple to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) to give notice of their intended marriage.

A 'Solemnisation' is the performance of a marriage ceremony by a Licensed Solemniser in the presence of two credible witnesses. The solemnisation can only take place after ROM has issued a marriage licence for the intended marriage.

**25 What is the difference between “Single” and “Divorced”?**

For the purpose of submitting a marriage application with the Registry of Marriages (ROM), a 'single' marital status refers to persons who are marrying for the first time or who have had their previous marriage annulled.

'Divorced' status refers to a person whose previous marriage had been legally dissolved by a Court order.

**26 Can I decorate the solemnisation room at the Registry of Marriages for my solemnisation ceremony?**

The solemnisation room at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) has been set up for a basic solemnisation ceremony. You are not allowed to decorate the room. Click [here](#) to browse photos of the ROM solemnisation room.

- 27 Is my foreign spouse entitled to long-term stay in Singapore after our marriage?**  
Marriage to a Singapore Citizen does not guarantee a non-resident spouse automatic right of entry into Singapore or approval for long-term stay in Singapore.
- Couples who are interested in applying for a Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) are strongly encouraged to submit the Pre-Marriage LTVP Assessment (PMLA) together before marriage.
- The PMLA is a free online assessment tool for couples to find out more about each other, and if your prospective non-resident spouse is likely to qualify for LTVP after marriage. For more information on PMLA, please visit [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg).
- 28 Can I use my 11B instead of NRIC for my marriage registration?**  
If you are a SAF regular, you may use your 11B for your marriage registration.
- 29 Can I use my digital NRIC (via the Singpass app) for my marriage registration?**  
Yes, you may use your digital NRIC (via the Singpass app) in lieu of the physical NRIC.
- 30 What does ROM mean?**  
ROM refers to the Registry of Marriages.
- 31 Can my partner and I get married if she is pregnant?**  
You can get married as long as both of you have met the legal requirements for your intended marriage.
- 32 After marriage, how long will it take for us to obtain Permanent Residency (PR) for my spouse?**  
For queries on Citizenship or Permanent Residence, you may contact the [Immigration and Checkpoints Authority \(ICA\)](#).
- 33 When were the marriage fees last revised?**  
The marriage fees were last revised on 1 July 2017.
- 34 Why were the marriage fees revised?**  
The Registry of Marriages (ROM) had adjusted the civil marriages service fees on 1 July 2017, following a review of its operations. The revised fees are benchmarked to the costs of service delivery, with key consideration to ensure that quality services remain affordable for Singaporeans.
- 35 What are the prohibited degrees of relationship in Singapore?**  
You may find the information on prohibited degrees of relationship on the '[Our Marriage Journey](#)' website.
- 36 How soon can I receive my marriage certificate after my solemnisation?**  
The digital copy of the marriage certificate will be sent to you via email after your marriage has been registered, latest within 3 days after the solemnisation ceremony.
- 37 Where can I obtain information on marriage law in Singapore?**  
For information on marriage law in Singapore, you may refer to the Women's Charter 1961 on the [Singapore Statutes Online](#) website.
- 38 What is a marriage certificate?**  
A marriage certificate is an official document issued to a married couple to prove that solemnisation of marriage between the couple has taken place at a certain place and date.

- 39 I intend to be solemnised at the Registry of Marriages (ROM). Can I view the solemnisation room?**  
You may click [here](#) to view photos of the solemnisation room at the Registry of Marriages (ROM). The solemnisation room can comfortably accommodate up to 20 people including the bride and groom.
- 40 What does “lawful impediment to marriage” mean?**  
The term "lawful impediment to marriage" refers to an obstruction or hindrance under legal provisions that may prevent a marriage from proceeding.
- 41 I intend to be solemnised at the Registry of Marriages (ROM). Can I cater food?**  
You are not allowed to cater for food if you intend to be solemnised at the Registry of Marriages (ROM).
- 42 Is there a minimum period of time required after my ex-spouse passed away before I can register for a marriage?**  
A person can enter into a new marriage as long as his or her previous marriage has been legally dissolved (e.g. by death or divorce).
- 43 My solemniser has registered my marriage but I have not received my digital marriage certificate. What should I do?**  
If you do not receive the email in your inbox, please check your "spam" or "junk" folder. For further assistance, you may write to us via this [form](#).
- 44 I have received my digital marriage certificate but I am unable to open/unzip the file. How do I go about it?**  
You will need to enter a password to authenticate and unzip the file. The password is a combination of the last 4 characters of the groom and bride's ID numbers (NRIC or foreign travel document) provided during your marriage application. For example, groom and bride's ID numbers are S0000111A and S0000222B respectively, the password would be 111A222B.  
  
Please note that the encrypted zip file may work differently on IOS devices. It is recommended that you unzip the file on computer desktops.
- 45 I have misplaced my marriage certificate. Where can I find my marriage date?**  
You may log in to your Singpass to retrieve your marriage date which is found under 'Family' of 'My Profile'.  
  
Alternatively, you may click [here](#) to conduct a search for marriage record to locate the marriage date. Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents holding Singpass can enjoy up to two free online searches over a period of 12 months from the date of the first search. This free service will only provide online display of the search results.  
  
If you have a digital copy of your marriage certificate, you may refer to the said copy for your marriage date.
- 46 Where can I view a sample of the Ceremonial Certificate of Marriage?**  
You may refer to [Annex A](#) in page 43.
- 47 I have just registered for a Singpass account. When can I start to submit my marriage application online?**  
You can start to submit your marriage application online 1 working day after you have registered for a Singpass account.

## L. DUPLICATE / EXTRACT OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

### 1 What is the State Marriage Register and how it is meant to be used?

The State Marriage Register is a record of civil (i.e. non-Muslim) marriages registered under the provisions of the Women's Charter. Please note that the State Marriage Register does not represent the validity of marriages recorded and does not reflect whether the couples are still married at the time the Register is accessed. Also, overseas marriages are not recorded in the State Marriage Register unless the parties involved voluntarily register their marriages with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) and meet the requirements for registration under the Women's Charter.

### 2 Is an extract of the marriage certificate considered a legal document?

An extract of a marriage certificate is a copy of an entry in the State Marriage Register, and may be used in court proceedings.

### 3 How do I apply for a copy of a marriage certificate for marriages registered on or after 15 September 1961?

To apply for a copy or extract of a marriage certificate for marriages registered on or after 15 September 1961, you may use our '[e-Services](#)' on the Our Marriage Journey website (e-Services > Civil marriage > Duplicate of marriage certificate)."

Alternatively, you may use the self-help kiosks at the Registry of Marriages located at 7 Canning Rise, Singapore 179869 to make the application.

### 4 How do I apply for a copy of a marriage certificate for marriages contracted before 15 September 1961?

To apply for a copy of a marriage for marriages registered before 15 September 1961, you may submit your request via the [National Archives of Singapore \(NAS\)](#) website.

### 5 How soon can I receive the duplicate marriage certificate after I have applied?

ROM will email the digital copy of the duplicate marriage certificate within 3 to 5 working days after the application has been made. To ensure you will receive our emails in your inbox, please provide accurate email address in your application and add [noreply@marriage.gov.sg](mailto:noreply@marriage.gov.sg) to your address book or safe sender list.

### 6 It has been more than 5 working days but I have not received my digital duplicate marriage certificate. What should I do?

If you do not find the email in your inbox, please check your "spam" or "junk" folder. For further assistance, you may write to us via this [form](#).

## M. SEARCH FOR MARRIAGE RECORDS

**1 How can I find out if a person has submitted a marriage application?**

To check if a person has submitted a marriage application, you may use '[e-Services](#)' on the Our Marriage Journey website (e-Services > Civil marriage – Search for marriage application).

**2 What is the purpose of the 'Search for Marriage Records' service?**

Marriage is an institution that affects not only the legal status of two parties in relation to each other, but also their legal status in relation to others who have dealings with them. Hence, the law allows anyone to search the State Marriage Register to find out whether it contains marriage records of a particular person.

**3 Can the 'Search for Marriage Records' service determine a person's current marital status?**

The marriage records maintained by the Registry of Marriages, or ROM, are historical records of civil, non-Muslim marriages registered under the Women's Charter. It does not necessarily reflect a person's current marital status as a marriage may have ended by death or divorce, or may have been made void and null by a court order. In addition, marriages registered overseas may not be reflected in the records.

**4 How do I use the 'Search for Marriage Records' service?**

The 'Search for Marriage Records' service only covers marriages registered with the Registry of Marriages (ROM), Singapore on or after 15 September 1961. The search result will show whether or not a specified person has marriage records with ROM.

Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents holding Singpass can enjoy up to two free online searches over a period of 12 months from the date of the first search. This free service will only provide the search results on screen.

If you require a certified hard copy of the search results for official purposes, please use '[e-Services](#)' on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website (e-Services > Civil - Search for marriage records). A fee of \$35 is payable for such requests. You may request for the search results to be sent to an overseas or Singapore address. The expected delivery is about 7 days for Singapore address and about 2 to 3 weeks for overseas address.

**5 I have searched for a particular person using the 'Search for Marriage Records' service and the result shows "No Record Found". Does this mean that the person has the capacity to marry?**

If you have searched for a particular person using the 'Search for Marriage Records' service and the result shows "No Record Found", it means that there is no record found in the State Marriage Register, which matches the search criteria entered. This does not mean that the particular person is unmarried. He or she may have gotten married legally under the laws of another country.

**6 I have searched for a particular person using the 'Search for Marriage Records' service and the result shows "Record Found". Does this mean that the person does not have the capacity to marry?**

If you have searched for a particular person using the 'Search for Marriage Records' service and the result shows "Record Found", it means that there is a record found in the State Marriage Register, which matches the search criteria entered.

Please note that this does not necessarily mean that the particular person is still married. He or she may be divorced, widowed or have had the marriage nullified.

**7 If I am searching for the marriage records of a particular person, will he or she be notified of my search request?**

If you are searching for the marriage records of a particular person, he or she will not be notified of your search request.



**8 How soon can I get the Marriage Record Search Result?**

By Self-collection

You may collect the official hard copy of the Marriage Record(s) search result after 3pm on the next working day (from Monday to Friday, except public holiday).

By Post

ROM will mail the requested Marriage Record(s) search result by the next working day. The document should be received in about a week. For overseas post, please allow at least 2 weeks for the document to reach you. Please also allow for possible postal service delays. If the delay is more than 2 weeks, you may write to us using this form.

For your own reference, you can also print a copy of the Search Result displayed on screen at the end of the online transaction.

## N. SERVICES / TRANSACTIONS

**1 I want to have my solemnisation at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) on a particular date but there is no available slot. What can I do?**

If you would like to have your solemnisation at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) on a particular date but there is no available slot, you may want to consider having your solemnisation at an external venue or changing your solemnisation date.

**2 Can we have our solemnisation at the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**

You may have your solemnisation at the Registry of Marriages (ROM), from Mondays to Fridays, except for public holidays. You may check the [Civil solemnisation dates calculator](#) on the Our Marriage Journey website to view the available dates. The dates shown are for reference only.

All booking of solemnisation slots at ROM must be done online when you submit a marriage application. Booking is on a first-come-first-serve basis, subject to availability of slots.

If you wish to have your solemnisation on a weekend or public holiday, you can invite a licensed solemniser to solemnise your marriage at an external venue.

**3 Do I need to invite a Licensed Solemniser if I am getting married at the Registry of Marriages (ROM)?**

If you intend to get married at the Registry of Marriages (ROM), you do not need to invite a Licensed Solemniser. An in-house solemniser will be assigned to officiate the ceremony.

**4 What should I do if I do not have a credit card to make payment for the Registry of Marriages (ROM) e-services?**

If you do not have a credit card to make payment online, you may make payment at the kiosks located at the Registry of Marriages (ROM) using NETS.

**5 What should I do if I do not have Internet access to use the Registry of Marriages (ROM) e-Services?**

If you do not have internet access to use the e-services, you may use the self-help kiosks at the Registry of Marriages (ROM). The self-help kiosks only accept payment using NETS.

Alternatively, you may also go to any CitizenConnect Centres (CCCs) to make use of the internet services there. You may click [here](#) to view the list of CCCs.

**6 What are the fees for the various Registry of Marriages (ROM) services?**

|  | Where at least one party is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore | Where both parties are foreigners |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Application for Marriage Licence</b>  | \$42   | \$380                             |
| <b>Application for Special Marriage Licence</b>  |  |                                   |
| - Waiver of 21 days' notice  | \$280  |                                   |
| - Under 18 years old   | \$280  |                                   |
| - Prohibited relationship  | \$280  |                                   |
| <b>Application for registration of overseas marriage or marriage solemnised before 15 Sep 1961</b> | \$75   |                                   |

## Other Services

| Services   | Fee   |
|--|-------|
| Search for marriage application  | Free  |
| Download summary of marriage application   | Free  |
| Change verification of document & declaration (VD) appointment   | Free  |
| Change solemnisation details   | \$25  |
| Correction of error in marriage record   | \$42  |
| Search for marriage record (online display only)<br><i>*Up to 2 free searches over a 12-month period for citizen or permanent resident of Singapore using Singpass</i> | Free* |
| Search for marriage record (certified hardcopy result)   | \$35  |
| Request for duplicate/extract of marriage certificate  | \$50  |
| Lodge an objection to marriage (Caveat)  | \$310 |
| Verify digital copy/extract of marriage certificate  | Free  |
| Update Marital Status<br>(in Singpass Profile for citizen or permanent resident of Singapore)  | Free  |

### 7 I have laminated my marriage certificate and I am not able to legalise the certificate. What should I do?

If you are not able to legalise your marriage certificate as it has been laminated, you may consider applying for a duplicate/extract of your marriage certificate. Please refer to the relevant information below, on the process to apply for a duplicate/extract.

#### **For marriages registered on or after 15 September 1961**

To apply for a duplicate digital copy/extract of a marriage certificate for marriages registered on or after 15 September 1961, you may use '[e-Services](#)' on the Our Marriage Journey website (e-Services > Civil marriage – Duplicate of marriage certificate).

Alternatively, you may use the self-help kiosks at the Registry of Marriages located at 7 Canning Rise Singapore 179869, to make the application.

#### **For marriages contracted before 15 September 1961**

To apply for a copy of a marriage certificate for marriages contracted before 15 September 1961, you may submit your request via the [National Archives of Singapore \(NAS\) website](#).

### 8 How to legalise my Singapore marriage certificate for overseas use?

To show proof of your marriage to the relevant authority overseas, you may consider applying for a digital copy of the duplicate marriage certificate and you will receive a digital extract copy via email. The overseas authority may verify the document by scanning the QR code on it.

In the event the overseas authority requires the digital copy to be legalised, you may contact the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL) for assistance. For more information, you may visit [SAL's website](#) and click the tab "News & Events" for details on the process and procedures.

## O. PAYMENT / REFUND MATTERS

**1 I have made extra payment due to a technical issue on the Registry of Marriages (ROM) website. How do I get a refund for the excess payment?**

If you have made extra payment due to a technical issue on the 'Our Marriage Journey' website, please write to us using this [form](#), providing the following information. ROM will match the records and process the refund accordingly.

- Name
- NRIC or passport number
- Transaction date and time
- Reference number
- Amount paid
- Merchant reference code

**2 I have decided not to proceed with the marriage. Can I get a refund?**

There is no refund for marriage application submitted to the Registry of Marriages (ROM).

**3 If we would like to be solemnised at the Registry of Marriage (ROM) office, do we need to pay any other fees besides the marriage fee?**

If you intend to solemnise your marriage at the Registry of Marriages (ROM), you do not need to pay any other fees besides the marriage application fee. However, please note that there is a prescribed fee payable if there is a change in your solemnisation details after you have submitted your marriage application.

**4 Is there any fee payable for a change of solemnisation details including the venue, date, time, witnesses and Licensed Solemniser?**

A fee of \$25 is payable for any change of solemnisation details, including the venue, date, time, witnesses and Licensed Solemniser. However, no fee will be charged if you need to invite another solemniser because the original solemniser has rejected your solemnisation booking invitation via the portal.

## P. GETTING MARRIED OVERSEAS

- 1 Do I have to inform the Registry of Marriages (ROM) about my intended marriage overseas?**  
You do not have to inform the Registry of Marriages (ROM) about your intended marriage overseas.
- 2 Can the Registry of Marriages (ROM) issue me a letter stating that it does not object to my intended marriage overseas?**  
The Registry of Marriages (ROM) will not be able to issue a letter stating no objection to your intended marriage overseas.
- 3 What are the procedure and requirements to marry overseas?**  
To get married overseas, please check directly with the relevant authority in the country that you intend to register your marriage in, on the procedure and requirements.
- 4 I am a Singaporean and my fiancé is a foreigner who is a former work permit holder. Can we register our marriage overseas?**  
You should check directly with the relevant authority in the country that you intend to register your marriage in, on the requirements for registration of marriage.

Any current or former work permit holder (including Training Work Permit holder) who wishes to marry a Singapore citizen or Permanent Resident, must seek approval from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) via this [form](#). This is a condition that all Work Permit holders agree to, before they are allowed to work in Singapore. If they fail to do so, their privilege to work in Singapore could be withdrawn and they may also be prevented from entering Singapore for a period of time.

MOM will take about 4 weeks to process the application, and the applicant will be notified of the outcome by email. For more information, please visit the [MOM's website](#).

- 5 My partner and I are Singapore Permanent Residents. Do we need to register our marriage in Singapore and our countries of origin?**  
If you and your partner are Singapore Permanent Residents, and you intend to get married overseas, you should check with the relevant authorities in that country on the proper procedures and documents required.  
  
If you intend to get married overseas, you are not required to submit a marriage application with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore.
- 6 Can the Registry of Marriages (ROM) issue a letter stating that a person is free to marry?**  
The Registry of Marriages (ROM) does not issue documents such as a Letter of No Impediment to Marriages.
- 7 How do I get a bachelor/single status document in order to get married overseas?**  
The Registry of Marriages (ROM) does not issue such documents or a letter of no impediment to a marriage. Nonetheless, you may consider applying for a search for marriage records [here](#), to show whether you have or do not have any marriage record with us. Please check with the relevant authority whether such search result is acceptable to them.

## Q. MARRIED OVERSEAS

### 1 Do I need to register my overseas marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore?

There is no provision in the Women's Charter 1961 that requires couples to register their overseas marriages, which includes "converting" or "endorsing" a foreign marriage certificate, in Singapore. In this regard, you are not required to register your overseas marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore, in order for it to be recognised as a valid marriage. The registration of an overseas marriage is purely voluntary and administrative.

Generally, an overseas marriage will be recognised in Singapore if it was registered according to the law of the place in which the marriage was contracted. Hence, a marriage certificate which was issued by a competent authority of the relevant country, is a valid document and will be accepted as evidence of a marriage between the parties named in the certificate, unless there is reason to doubt the validity of the said marriage.

If there is any doubt on the legality of your overseas marriage, you may wish to seek legal advice from a lawyer.

Also, it is not necessary to register an overseas marriage with ROM for you to transact with Singapore's Government agencies.

### 2 I had my solemnisation overseas. Can I renew or repeat my vows in Singapore?

The Registry of Marriages (ROM) does not conduct renewal of wedding vows. If you wish to renew your marriage vows, you may invite a Licensed Solemniser to perform the renewal of vows at a self-organised event. Please note that the Licensed Solemniser may decide to accept the invitation in his or her own personal capacity and not as a Licensed Solemniser.

### 3 Some agencies said that they do not recognise my overseas marriage certificate and told me to get a new one from Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore. What should I do?

A marriage certificate issued by a competent authority of the relevant country, is a valid document, and will be accepted as evidence of a marriage between the parties named in the certificate, unless there is reason to doubt the validity of the said marriage.

If there is any doubt on the legality of your overseas marriage, you may wish to seek legal advice from a lawyer who is well-versed in marriage laws.

### 4 I am a Singaporean and married overseas with a foreigner. Can I register my marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) in Singapore?

The registration of an overseas marriage is voluntary and not a legal requirement under the Women's Charter 1961. If you wish to register your overseas marriage in Singapore, you may submit your application via the ['Our Marriage Journey'](#) website. Walk-ins will not be entertained.

Depending on the complexity of the documents received, ROM may take up to 2 weeks to review your request. Please note that a fee of \$75 is payable on the day of your appointment with ROM to complete the registration and payment is to be made via NETS at the ROM office.

The list of supporting documents are:

- a) Original overseas certificate of marriage
- b) Copy of the certificate of marriage duly endorsed either by
  - (i) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (or Apostille) in the relevant country or territory and further endorsed by the Embassy of Singapore in the relevant country or territory or
  - (ii) the relevant country's or territory's Embassy in Singapore
- c) English translated certificate of marriage duly endorsed either by
  - (i) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (or Apostille) in the relevant country or territory and further endorsed by the Embassy of Singapore in the relevant country or territory or

- (ii) the relevant country's or territory's Embassy in Singapore (applicable if the document is in foreign language)
- d) Identity documents of the bride and groom used for the registration of marriage overseas
- e) Original Singapore NRIC (for Singapore and Permanent Residents) and original valid passport (for foreigners) of the bride and groom
- f) Original or Certified True Copy of any other relevant documents such as final divorce papers, death certificate of late spouse (for the party with previous marriage), deed poll, etc.
- g) Original Work/Immigration Pass issued by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) or Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) of Singapore (for foreigner), if applicable
- h) Approval letter from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM), if applicable\*.

(\* Any current or former work permit holder (including Training Work Permit holder) who wishes to marry a Singapore citizen or Singapore permanent resident, is required to obtain approval from MOM to ensure that their application to register the marriage does not contravene any part of the work permit conditions. If your spouse is a current or former work permit holder (including Training Work Permit holder), we strongly advise you to obtain the necessary approval from MOM, before applying to register your overseas marriage with ROM. Please refer to [MOM website](#) for more information.)

**5 If my application to register my overseas marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore is approved, will I be given a Singapore marriage certificate?**

If your application to register an overseas marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) Singapore is approved, you will be issued with the Singapore marriage certificate showing your overseas marriage details.

**6 Is a common law marriage done overseas recognised in Singapore?**

If you wish to check whether a common law marriage done overseas is recognised in Singapore, you may consult a lawyer.

## R. AFTER MARRIAGE – CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

**1 Should I update Registry of Marriages (ROM) if I have changed my identity type, identity number, name and/or marital status?**

You do not need to update the Registry of Marriages (ROM) if you have changed your name, marital status or identity type or number.

However, if you are a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident, you may consider updating your details in MyInfo for ease of transacting with Government agencies. To check your current marital status, please go to your Singpass app and view under My Profile-Family. If you wish to update your marital status, please click [here](#).

**2 I have changed my name. Can I bring my marriage certificate to Registry of Marriages (ROM) to have it updated for HDB or ICA transaction purpose?**

Marriage records kept in the State Marriage Register are historical records. Once solemnisation has taken place and the marriage is registered, couples' details captured at the point of marriage may not be updated. To facilitate verification of identity, you may present to the transacting organisation, your previous identification document (displaying your former name and the same identification number from your marriage certificate), along with Deed Poll and current identification document reflecting your current name.

**3 After I am issued with a new passport or a Singapore Pink or Blue identity card, can the Registry of Marriages (ROM) update my details in the Marriage Register?**

Marriage records kept in the State Marriage Register are considered historical records. Hence, once a solemnisation has taken place and the marriage is registered, the couple's details captured at the point of marriage may not be updated.

**4 Do I need to update the Registry of Marriages (ROM) if my spouse had passed on?**

You do not need to update the Registry of Marriages on the change of your marital status.

However, if you are a Singaporean or Permanent Resident, you may consider updating your marital status in MyInfo for ease of transacting with government agencies. To check your current marital status, please go to your Singpass app and view under My Profile-Family. If you wish to update your marital status, please click [here](#).



## S. AFTER MARRIAGE – DIVORCES / DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

**1 I am divorced. Can I register a marriage?**

If you are divorced and wish to register a marriage, it is your responsibility to ensure that your previous marriage has been completely and legally dissolved. You must have obtained a copy of the Decree Nisi Absolute or Certificate of Making Interim Judgment Final.

**2 What are the consequences if I get married before my divorce is final?**

If you get married before your divorce is finalised, it will be deemed as bigamy, and the new marriage will be considered void. The penalty for bigamy is jail or fine or both.

**3 After solemnisation, can I return the marriage certificate to the Registry of Marriages (ROM) to cancel the marriage?**

A marriage cannot be cancelled after the solemnisation. Only a Court of competent jurisdiction can dissolve a marriage. You should consult a lawyer on this matter.

**4 I am considering divorce. Where can I find information on divorce proceedings in Singapore?**

Divorce is a major life decision which has a large impact on many aspects of a person's life. If you are facing challenges in your marriage and need help, consider accessing support services and information on divorce proceedings available on the [Family Assist portal](#).

**5 Who is the authority overseeing divorce matters and how can I reach them?**

The authority overseeing civil divorce matters is the Family Justice Courts (FJC). You may visit their [website](#) for a list of useful contact numbers.

**6 How much does it cost to divorce?**

You should consult a lawyer for advice on divorce matters and the costs involved. If you are unable to afford a lawyer, you may approach the Legal Aid Bureau, or LAB, to check if you are eligible for legal aid. You may call LAB at 1800-2255-529 or visit their [website](#) for more information.

**7 Who should I approach if I have any enquiries on divorce or annulment of marriages?**

If you have any enquiries related to divorce matters or annulment of marriages, please seek legal advice from a lawyer. If you are unable to afford a lawyer, you may approach the Legal Aid Bureau, or LAB, to check if you are eligible for legal aid. You may call LAB at 1800-2255-529 or visit their [website](#) for more information.

**8 How can I apply for a copy of the divorce papers?**

For marriages dissolved in Singapore, you may approach the Family Justice Courts to apply for a copy of the divorce papers. You may visit their [website](#) for a list of useful contact numbers.

**9 My marriage has been dissolved. Why did the Registry of Marriages (ROM) not remove my marriage record from its register?**

A dissolution of marriage does not mean that the marriage never took place. As such, although the marriage has been dissolved, the Registry of Marriages (ROM) cannot remove the record of a marriage that has taken place from the Marriage Register.

**10 My marriage has been made null and void by the court. What should I indicate as my marital status when submitting a marriage application?**

If your marriage has been made null and void by the court and you were single prior to the nullified marriage, please select 'Single' as your marital status when submitting a marriage application. During your appointment with ROM for Verification of documents and Declaration (V/D), you will need to produce your annulment papers.

**11 Do I need to update the Registry of Marriages (ROM) after divorce or annulment?**

You do not need to update the Registry of Marriages on the change of your marital status.

However, if you are a Singaporean or Permanent Resident, you may consider updating your marital status in MyInfo for ease of transacting with government agencies. To check your current marital status, please go to your Singpass app and view under My Profile-Family. If you wish to update your marital status, please click [here](#).

**12 Can I ask the Registry of Marriages to hide my marriage record in the Marriage Register?**

According to the law, all marriage records shall be open for inspection upon payment of the prescribed fee by any person who has applied to inspect the record.

**13 I am currently in the process of divorcing my husband. Do I have the right to give instructions to the childcare centre regarding matters such as fetching/seeing the children of my separated husband?**

We are sorry that we are not able to advise on your enquiry. As the enquiry is a legal question, you may wish to seek legal advice from a lawyer accordingly.

**14 My previous marriage has been dissolved by the Courts. How long should I wait before I can remarry?**

As long as your previous marriage has been dissolved, and you have obtained the Certificate of Making Interim Judgment Final or Decree Nisi Absolute from the Court, you may enter into a new marriage.

## T. GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING CELEBRATION

- 1 What is the 'Golden Jubilee Wedding Celebrations' about?**

The Golden Jubilee Wedding Celebrations (GJWC) is an annual event co-organised by the Families for Life (FFL) Council, Registry of Marriages (ROM) and Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM), to celebrate with couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 2 What will eligible couples receive?**

Eligible couples who register will receive a gift set which includes a commemorative certificate, a medallion and a photo memento.
- 3 Who are eligible to receive the commemorative Golden Jubilee wedding package?**

To be eligible for the package, the couple must have registered their marriage with the Registry of Marriages (ROM) or Registry of Muslim Marriages (ROMM), and be celebrating at least their 50th wedding anniversary. Also, at least one party must be a Singapore Citizen, and the couple should not have received the Golden Jubilee wedding package in previous years. During the call-out for the event, eligible couples can sign up; ROM and ROMM will verify the couples' marriage records and inform couples if they are eligible for the gift set.

## U. COPYRIGHT ACT 2021 ON WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 We heard about the change in Copyright Act 2021 relating to ownership rights of wedding photos. We have engaged a photographer for our wedding. We would like to know how the new Act will affect us.**

For more details on the new Copyright Act 2021, please click [here](#). This factsheet explains what you should know about the default ownership rule and what you can do to use the photographs for your intended purpose.
- 2 We want to know more about the new Copyright Act 2021. Who can we contact?**

You may contact the Ministry of Law at 1800-225 5529 or click [here](#) to submit your enquiry.

## V. COVID-19 RELATED

- 1 What are the latest requirements for marriage solemnisations and wedding receptions?**

With effect from 13 February 2023, there will be no Covid-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs) required for marriage solemnisations and wedding receptions. Please refer to the [MTF press release dated 9 February 2023](#) for further details.

**SAMPLE**

# Ceremonial Certificate of Marriage

(Singapore)

The marriage between  
NAME OF GROOM-TO-BE (Bridegroom) and NAME OF BRIDE-TO-BE (Bride)

was solemnised by REV JOE ZEGER  
at REGISTRY OF MARRIAGES SINGAPORE  
on 12 JANUARY 2024

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NAME OF GROOM-TO-BE  
Name & Signature of Bridegroom

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NAME OF BRIDE-TO-BE  
Name & Signature of Bride

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NAME OF WITNESS 1  
Name & Signature of Witness

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NAME OF WITNESS 2  
Name & Signature of Witness

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REV JOE ZEGER  
Name & Signature of Licensed solemniser

\*This is not the official certificate of marriage issued pursuant to the Women's Charter 1961.  
For official record of marriage registered under the Women's Charter 1961, please refer to the certificate of marriage issued by the Registry of Marriages, Singapore.

