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Legal Obligations for your Marriage

You must be over the age of 18 years and not be currently married to any other person.

Before your wedding I will need to see your original birth certificates. If you were born overseas, a current overseas passport is acceptable.

As of 1 July 2002 , the Family Court and the Federal Magistrates Court ceased issuing both a decree nisi of dissolution of marriage and a decree absolute. They now issue a document titled "Certificate of Divorce", which contains the dates of the decree nisi and the decree absolute. This certificate is evidence of divorce for the purpose of solemnising a marriage.

If you were divorced prior to 1 July 2002 you need to show me a copy of the Decree Absolute.

A Notice of Intention to Marry form (NOIM) is a legal requirement to be filled out and lodged with me at least one month and one day before the date of your wedding. Once lodged with me the certificate is valid for 18 months.

There are a few exceptional and acceptable circumstances that will allow an application to the Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages to grant a shortening of time.

You are required to have 2 witnesses over the age of 18 at your marriage ceremony.

They must be present to witness your vows to authorise the solemnisation of the marriage and to sign the marriage certificates.

I will lodge the relevant forms with the Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages within 14 days of your ceremony.