



Marriage celebrants | December 2020

Welcome to our first edition of *Registry Connect*, the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages quarterly e-newsletter to marriage celebrants.

2020 has been a year of uncertainty and change and as we move forward again it is important we stay connected to our stakeholders.

As such we are excited to launch this newsletter to help keep Queensland marriage celebrants up to date with information from the Registry.

We hope you find value in its content.



Introduction to our online marriage registration system video - now live on our website

An authorised marriage celebrant may apply to be an online service provider to register Queensland marriages electronically. The system is free and easy to use.

If you are yet to sign up, are new to the system or are still submitting some registrations manually, then we'd love to assist you transition to the online system.

Watch our introduction video below highlighting key features and benefits of the system including the ability to create, amend, print and submit all marriage registration forms

online - without posting hard copy forms.

To find out more and to sign up please visit www.qld.gov.au/onlinemarriages.

For those who have been using the system, thank you for your continued use and feedback throughout 2020.

Support when you need it

Having issues logging in or navigating? Refer to our comprehensive [user guide](#).

You can contact us for assistance with any technical, registration or general enquiries at BDMServiceProvider@justice.qld.gov.au.

For all registration queries after the registration has been submitted in the online system please contact us at BDM.Marriage@justice.qld.gov.au.



Did you know?



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

Please ensure all Queensland marriage registration forms are submitted to the Registry within this period. The online marriage registration system provides certainty in ensuring compliance by removing the need to incorporate postage times for the documents to arrive.

We love feedback

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

Christmas closure - season's greetings

As we enter the festive period, please be advised that the Registry will close at 4:30pm on Thursday 24 December 2020 and re-open at 8:30am on Monday 4 January 2021.

While we look forward to bringing you this newsletter each quarter, we will continue to communicate important system or business changes via our Registry bulletins for up-to-the-minute updates, when needed.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas and new year and look forward to working with you in 2021.



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