



Celebrations

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Info to Legal Information and useful Tips

Websites of interest:

- ❖ [Australian Attorney-General](#)
- ❖ [NSW Birth Deaths & Marriages](#)
- ❖ [Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade](#)

Relationship Education Services

- ❖ [Relationships Australia](#)
 - ❖ [Interrelate](#)
 - ❖ [Prepare-Enrich](#)
 - ❖ [Foccus Australia](#)
 - ❖ Family Relationships Advice Line
- Phone: 1800 050 312

Associations

- ❖ [Australian Federations of Civil Celebrants](#)

Registering the Marriage

I am responsible for registering your marriage within 14 days of the ceremony taking place.

It is then up to you to apply for your official marriage certificate. The design of the certificate and price can be found on the NSW Births Deaths and Marriages website. If you would like me to apply for your Marriage certificate, please let me know our preference and the fee will be added to your invoice.

Translation and Interpreting Services

Community Relations Commission

1300 651 500
Sydney – 02 8255 6767 – Mon – Fri 8am -

5pm

Level 8, 175-183 Castlereagh St, Sydney, NSW

Translating documents into English and
[Finding an interpreter with NAATI](#)

Immigration and Fiancé Visa Services

[Fiancé Visa web page](#)

Are you planning on coming to Australia to marry an Australian and immigrate here? If so – this visa allows you to enter Australia and marry your intended fiancé within the visa's nine month validity period. Your fiancé is also known as your Sponsor. Your fiancé must be one of the following

- ❖ An Australian Citizen
- ❖ An Australian permanent resident
- ❖ An eligible New Zealand Citizen

With this visa, you:

- ❖ must enter Australia before you marry your fiancé
- ❖ may leave and re-enter Australia as many times as you wish before your visa ceases (nine months after visa grant)
- ❖ can work in Australia
- ❖ can apply for a Partner visa in Australia after you marry your fiancé
- ❖ can study, but you will not have access to government funding
- ❖ may use Australia's medical expenses and hospital care assistance scheme, Medicare, but only if you are in Australia and have already applied for a Partner visa.

Intent to Marry

The main purpose of applying for this visa is to allow you to come to Australia and then marry your intended spouse and live together as husband and wife. The immigration office require proof of this with the completion of a Notice of intent to Marry form and a letter from a Civil Marriage Celebrant

- ❖ Ask me as your Australian Civil Celebrant to supply a special letter, informing them of the details of you proposed marriage in Australia
- ❖ Complete the Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) form. This form must be lodged to the celebrant one month before the marriage.
- ❖ Please be aware the Visa can take months to be approved, so it is best not to make wedding plans until the Visa has been accepted. However, it is important to have a day and venue chosen to put on the NOIM form, this date and venue can be changed later.
- ❖ Please ensure all you documents have been translated into English by an official translator - <https://www.naati.com.au/online>
- ❖ If born overseas: Please supply your original passport, or Birth Certificate, final divorce paper or death certificate of former spouse, or an official Statutory Declaration form if required to me when signing the NOIM form

- ❖ If born in Australia you will be required to show an original Birth Certificate along with the forms mentioned above. You can get an official copy from the BDM department if you can't find your original.

If your Fiancé is overseas and unable to sign the form at this time, you may prepare the documentation and sign your side of the form. The original passport or birth certificate can be visualized before the marriage takes place, at the time of signing the Wedding Declaration Form.

If you are both overseas – I can send all the forms to you via email, and you can scan all your documents to me via email. You will need to get the NOIM form witnessed at the Australian Consulate in your country or by a Notary Public. The one month time period, starts once I receive the NOIM form.

If you are both in Australia – Please make an appointment to see me and we will set up all the documentation for living and working as a married couple in Australia

Shortening of Time

“Despite a notice required by subsection (1) having been received later than 1 month before the date of the marriage, a prescribed authority may authorise an authorized celebrant to solemnize a marriage if the authority is satisfied that one or more of the circumstances prescribed in the regulations have been met.” — Section 42 of the Marriage Act 1961.

In normal cases the authorized celebrant must receive the NOIM at least one month and no more than 18 months before the wedding.

Circumstances for Authorising marriage despite late notice:

- ❖ Employment-related or other travel commitments
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- ❖ Wedding or Celebration arrangements
 - Unable to get a refund of a considerable amount on a booked venue
 - In the case of a religious consideration
 - Explanation provided on not giving notice sooner or not postponing wedding
 - Whether hardship would be caused to a party
 - Any matter that the prescribed authority deems relevant
- ❖ Medical Reasons
 - A letter from a medical practitioner or health professional confirming health
 - Any matter that the prescribed authority deems relevant
- ❖ Legal Proceedings
 - A sealed copy of any applicable court order
 - A letter from solicitor re pending court proceedings

- Explanation provided on not giving notice sooner or not postponing wedding
- Whether hardship would be caused to a party
- Any matter that the prescribed authority deems relevant
- ❖ Error in Giving Notice
 - The Celebrant was given verbal notice, but failed to get the NOIM in time
 - Notice was given in writing, but the celebrant was not registered as a celebrant
 - The notice was lost by the celebrant
 - Letters and documentation of previous interviews or communication with the celebrant to confirm the errors.
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Prescribed Authority must be obtained by the bride and groom for approval.

LOCAL COUNCIL WEBSITES AND PHONE NUMBERS

City of Sydney Council

02-92659333

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/ContactUs.asp>

Hornsby council

02-98476666

<http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/>

Ku-ring-gai Council

02-94240000

<http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/www/html/7-home-page.asp> or
<http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/www/html/290-parks-and-reserves.asp?intLocationID=290>

Lane Cove Council

02-9911 3620

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/>

Manly Council

02-9976 1500

<http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/>

Mosman Council

02-9978 4066

<http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/>

National Parks

02- 9977 6732

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/>

North Sydney Council

9936 8100

<http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/7-home-page.asp>

Pittwater Council

02-9970 7222

<http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/>

Warringah Council

02- 9942 2545

<http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/home/index.aspx>

Willoughby Council

02-9777 7799

<http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/>