

# Getting Married

All you need to know about getting married in the East Riding of Yorkshire  
East Riding Registration and Celebratory Service

## *Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage*

East Riding Registration Service and Celebratory Services will do all that it can to ensure that your ceremony runs as smoothly as possible. This leaflet explains the steps you need to take to get married in England and Wales.

We hope you find the information useful. You are welcome to contact us for further information, help or advice.

## *Where can I get married?*

You are able to get married in places which have been officially registered for marriages. These are:

- A register office.
- An approved (licensed) building (these include hotels and stately homes). A list of East Riding venues is available free of charge, at any of the registration offices within the East Riding, on our website [www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk)
- A place of religious worship. Please contact us for more information



## *How do I give notice that I want to get married?*

The Church of England and the Church of Wales are able to issue their own paperwork. People from all other religions must come to the Register Office to give their individual notices of marriage.

If you would like a civil ceremony, then you must both give notices of marriage at your local register office after you have made a provisional booking with your chosen venue. This should be done well in advance, but no more than twelve months before the wedding.

You must have lived in your registration districts for at least seven clear days prior to giving your notices. If you both live in the same district you are advised to attend the register office together.

After you have both given notice of marriage you will have to wait a further fifteen clear days before the marriage can take place.

When you give your notices you will both be asked to sign an official, legal declaration stating that the details are correct. If you sign your name to false information you may find yourself the subject of a legal investigation and possibly prosecution.

Registration staff has a statutory duty to report any marriage they suspect has been arranged for the sole purposes of evading the statutory immigration controls.

### ***What documents so I need to bring to complete the notice?***

You will need to produce documentary evidence of your name, age, marital status, nationality and address.

A valid passport is the preferred document (or where appropriate a Home Office Travel Document, a Standards Acknowledgment Letter or a National Identity Card).

If these are not available, then two documents such as a birth certificate or full driving licence and a chequebook or medical card should be produced.

Please also bring confirmation of your address; this could be a recent bank statement or utility bill.

If applicable evidence of name change such as a change of name deed (lodged with the Royal Courts of Justice) or Statutory Declaration should be submitted for inspection.

Parties subject to immigration control or under the age of 18 must contact their local registration office for further advice.

### **Proof of Marital Status**

If you have been married before you will need to provide documentary evidence that you are now free to marry. These could include a Decree Absolute bearing the court's stamp or the Death Certificate of your former spouse.

Depending on your individual circumstances other documentation may be required. Your local Superintendent Registrar will be able to advise you.

### **Photocopies will not be accepted**

If any documents are in a language other than English, these will need to be translated before being presented at your register office.

Remember the marriage cannot go ahead unless you have both completed all the legal preliminaries.

### **How much does it cost?**

Fees are dependent on the day of the week and venue chosen and are subject to change on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year. Please contact us for up to date information.

This leaflet is issued for general guidance only and is not a complete statement of the law. For further information on any aspect of the formalities to, or the ceremony of marriage, please seek the advice of the Superintendent Registrar at your local register office.

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***For more information and to arrange your ceremony please contact our ceremony  
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