



Marriage Amendment Act 2010

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Commencement see section 2

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Marriage Amendment Act 2010.
- 2 Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.
- 3 Principal Act amended**
This Act amends the Marriage Act 1955.
- 4 New section 11 substituted**
Section 11 is repealed and the following section substituted:

“11 Other persons may be marriage celebrants

- “(1) Any person may apply to the Registrar-General to have his or her name entered on the list.
- “(2) The application must—
- “(a) be made in a form approved for the purpose by the Registrar-General; and
 - “(b) contain, or be accompanied by, such information as the Registrar-General requires; and
 - “(c) be accompanied by the prescribed fee (if any).
- “(3) The Registrar-General may approve an application made under subsection (1) and enter the applicant’s name on the list if the Registrar-General is satisfied that—
- “(a) the applicant is—
 - “(i) a Justice of the Peace; or
 - “(ii) a person who is otherwise of good character; and
 - “(b) the applicant will conscientiously perform the duties of a marriage celebrant under this Act and under the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995; and
 - “(c) it is in the interests of the public generally, or of a particular community (whether defined by geography, interest, belief, or some other factor) that the person be a marriage celebrant.”

Legislative history

29 June 2010	Divided from Statutes Amendment Bill by committee of the whole House, third reading
6 July 2010	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.
