Version
as at 6 June 2026

Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Regulations 1995

(SR 1995/184)

Regulations name: replaced, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 4(1)(a) of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Catherine A Tizard, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 4th day of September 1995

Present:
Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 64 of the Marriage Act 1955 and (in relation only to regulation 3(d) and form 4) section 88(1)(b) of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Act 1995, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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Note

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Justice.

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Regulations

1 Title and commencement

(1) These regulations are the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Regulations 1995.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

Regulation 1(1): amended, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 4(2) of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

2 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) **the Act** means the Marriage Act 1955:

(b) reference to a form of a particular number is a reference to the form bearing that number set out in Schedule 1.

Regulation 2(b): amended, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 5 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

3 Forms

There are hereby prescribed—

(a) *[Revoked]*

(ab) *[Revoked]*

(b) *[Revoked]*

(c) for a marriage licence under section 24(1) of the Act, form 3:

(d) subject to paragraph (da), for a form to be issued under section 24(1)(b) of the Act by a Registrar for the purpose of returning (under section 53 or 54 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021) information relating to marriages solemnised by marriage celebrants, exempt religious bodies, or under section 32 of the Act, form 4:

(da) for a form to be issued under section 24(1)(b) of the Act by a Registrar for the purpose of returning (under section 53 or 54 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021) information relating to marriages solemnised by marriage celebrants, exempt religious bodies, or under section 32 of the Act, which are a change in the form of relationship from civil union, form 4A:

(e) *[Revoked]*

(f) *[Revoked]*

(g) *[Revoked]*

(h) for a certificate issued by a Registrar under subsection (5) of section 42 of the Act that notice of an intended marriage has been given under subsection (1) of that section, form 8:

(i) for a certificate from a New Zealand representative under section 43(1) of the Act that the representative has attended the marriage of a New Zealand citizen in a country other than New Zealand and is satisfied that the marriage has been solemnised in accordance with the formalities of the law of that other country, form 9.

Regulation 3(a): revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 6 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Regulation 3(ab): revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 6 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Regulation 3(b): revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 6 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Regulation 3(d): substituted, on 26 April 2005, by regulation 3(3) of the Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2005 (SR 2005/84).

Regulation 3(d): amended, on 15 June 2023, by section 147 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021 (2021 No 57).

Regulation 3(da): inserted, on 26 April 2005, by regulation 3(3) of the Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2005 (SR 2005/84).

Regulation 3(da): amended, on 15 June 2023, by section 147 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021 (2021 No 57).

Regulation 3(e): revoked, on 6 June 2026, by section 166 of the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2026 (2026 No 26).

Regulation 3(f): revoked, on 25 February 2012, by section 5(3) of the Marriage Amendment Act 2012 (2012 No 13).

Regulation 3(g): revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 6 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

4 Information required for notices of intended marriage

(1) A notice of intended marriage under section 23(1) of the Act must contain the information prescribed in Schedule 2.

(2) A notice of intended marriage under section 23(1) of the Act where the parties are changing the form of their relationship from civil union to marriage must contain the following information:

(a) the information prescribed in Schedule 2, except for the information prescribed in item 2(i) and (j) of Schedule 2; and

(b) in relation to the parties' civil union,—

(i) the date of the civil union; and

(ii) the place of the civil union, including the country (if not New Zealand).

(3) A notice of intended marriage under section 42(1) of the Act given by a citizen of a Commonwealth country or the Republic of Ireland resident in New Zealand who desires to marry outside New Zealand must contain the following information:

(a) the information prescribed in item 2 of Schedule 2; and

(b) the country in which the parties intend to marry; and

(c) the length of time each party has been resident in New Zealand.

Regulation 4: replaced, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 7 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

5 Information required for application for certificate of no impediment

For the purposes of section 41(2)(b) of the Act, the prescribed information for an application for a certificate of no impediment is specified in Schedule 3.

Regulation 5: inserted, on 6 June 2026, by section 167 of the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2026 (2026 No 26).

Schedule 1
Forms

Form 1
Notice of intended marriage
[Revoked]

r 3(a)

Schedule 1 form 1: revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 8 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Form 1A
Notice of intended marriage: change of relationship from civil union
[Revoked]

r 3(ab)

Schedule 1 form 1A: revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 8 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Form 2
Notice of intended marriage: where both parties ordinarily resident outside New Zealand
[Revoked]

r 3(b)

Schedule 1 form 2: revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 8 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Form 3
Marriage licence

r 3(c)

Section 24(1)(a), Marriage Act 1955

Marriage licence

Registry _____ Notice No _____

To _____

This licence authorises you (or any other marriage celebrant) to solemnise the marriage between:

_____

[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]

and _____

[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]

at either of the following places, namely

_____

or at _____

Date of expiry

on or before _____

Issued at _____

on _____

Date Signature of Registrar of Marriages:

Schedule 1 form 3: replaced, on 16 August 2013, by regulation 5 of the Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/294).

Form 4
Copy of particulars of marriage

r 3(d)

Section 24(1)(b), Marriage Act 1955

[*Please print or write clearly.*] [*To be sent to the Registrar who issued the marriage licence within 10 days of solemnisation.*]

Registry _____ Notice No:

Particulars of parties to marriage

	[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]	[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]
Current first or given name(s) Current surname or family name		
First or given name(s) at birth (if different from above) Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		
Sex		
Full date and year of birth		
Place of birth		
Usual occupation, profession, or job		
Relationship status		
Usual residential address in full		

Parents

	[*Mother or father*]	[*Mother or father*]
First or given name(s) Surname or family name		
Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		

	[*Mother or father or other parent*]	[*Mother or father or other parent*]
First or given name(s) Surname or family name		
Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		

The marriage was solemnised on Date of marriage _____

at Full description of where marriage was solemnised and full address _____

Between us Signature: and Signature:

In the presence of Signature of witness: Full residential address of witness _____
Name of witness:

Signature of witness: Full residential address of witness _____
Name of witness:

I certify that the marriage of the parties named above was solemnised in my presence. Signature of marriage celebrant or Registrar of Marriages: _____
Name of marriage celebrant or Registrar of Marriages

[*Please see notes on reverse side.*] _____
Denomination or name of organisation

_____
Registration number of independent marriage celebrant

Schedule 1 form 4: replaced, on 16 August 2013, by regulation 5 of the Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/294).

Form 4A
Copy of particulars of marriage: change of relationship from civil union

r 3(da)

Section 24(1)(b), Marriage Act 1955 and section 18, Civil Union Act 2004

[*Please print or write clearly.*] [*To be sent to the Registrar who issued the marriage licence within 10 days of solemnisation.*]

Registry _____ Notice No:

Particulars of parties to marriage

	[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]	[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]
First or given names(s) Surname or family name		
First or given name(s) at birth (if different from above) Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		
Sex		
Full date and year of birth		
Place of birth		
Usual occupation, profession, or job		
Usual residential address in full		

Parents

	[*Mother or father*]	[*Mother or father*]
First or given name(s) Surname or family name		
Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		
	[*Mother or father or other parent*]	[*Mother or father or other parent*]
First or given name(s) Surname or family name		
Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		

Change of relationship from civil union

Date of civil union _____

Place of civil union _____

Country, if not New Zealand _____

Date of marriage

The marriage was solemnised on _____

Full description of where marriage was solemnised and full address

at _____

Between us Signature: and Signature:

Full residential address of witness

In the presence of Signature of witness:

Name of witness:

Full residential address of witness

Signature of witness:

Name of witness:

I certify that the marriage of the parties named above was solemnised in my presence.

Signature of marriage celebrant or Registrar of Marriages:

Name of marriage celebrant or Registrar of Marriages

Denomination or organisation, if applicable

Registration number of independent marriage celebrant

[*Please see notes on reverse side.*]

Schedule 1 form 4A: replaced, on 16 August 2013, by regulation 5 of the Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/294).

Form 5
Application for certificate of no impediment
[Revoked]

r 3(e)

Schedule 1 form 5: revoked, on 6 June 2026, by section 168 of the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2026 (2026 No 26).

Form 6
Certificate of no impediment to marriage
[Revoked]

r 3(f)

Schedule 1 form 6: revoked, on 25 February 2012, by section 5(4)(b) of the Marriage Amendment Act 2012 (2012 No 13).

Form 7
Notice of intended marriage outside New Zealand
[Revoked]

Schedule 1 form 7: revoked, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 8 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Form 8

Certificate that notice has been given of marriage intended to be solemnised out of New Zealand

r 3(h)

Notice No:

Registry:

I, [*specify*] Registrar of Marriages at [*specify*], certify that on [*date*], [*full name of person giving notice*] of [*address*], [*occupation*] gave notice to me of intended marriage with [*full name of other party*], of [*address*], in [*name of country*], and I further certify that all the provisions of the Marriage Act 1955 with respect to the issue of this certificate have been complied with.

Issued at: [*place, date*]

Registrar of Marriages:

Form 9
Certificate of marriage outside New Zealand

r 3(i)

Section 43, Marriage Act 1955

[*Please print or write clearly*.]

	Parties to marriage	
	[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]	[*Bride or bridegroom or partner*]
Current first or given names(s) Current surname or family name		
First or given name(s) at birth (if different from above) Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		
Sex		
Full date and year of birth		
Place of birth		
Usual occupation, profession, or job		
What was your last relationship (if any)? If previously married or in a civil union:	○ Never been married or in a civil union ○ Marriage ○ Civil union	○ Never been married or in a civil union ○ Marriage ○ Civil union
(1) how did that relationship end?	○ By dissolution/ divorce ○ Death of spouse/ partner	○ By dissolution/ divorce ○ Death of spouse/partner
(2) when did that relationship end?	[*date*]	[*date*]
Usual residential address in full, including— • flat number (if applicable) • street number and name • suburb or rural locality • city, town, or district • country (if not New Zealand)		

	Parents	
	[*Mother or father*]	[*Mother or father*]
First or given name(s) Surname or family name		
Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		
	[*Mother or father or other parent*]	[*Mother or father or other parent*]
First or given name(s) Surname or family name		
Surname or family name at birth (if different from above)		

The marriage was solemnised on — Full date of marriage: _____

Full description of where marriage was solemnised and full address

at _____

I certify that I attended the marriage of the parties named above and that [*name of person*] is a New Zealand citizen/both parties to the marriage are New Zealand citizens*. I am satisfied that the marriage was solemnised in accordance with the formalities of the law of [*name of country*].

*Select one

Issued at [*place, date*].

Signature of New Zealand representative:

Print full name of New Zealand representative:

Schedule 1 form 9: replaced, on 16 August 2013, by regulation 5 of the Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/294).

Schedule 2
Information required for notice of intended marriage

r 4

Schedule 2: inserted, on 26 October 2018, by regulation 9 of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208).

Details of intended marriage

1 In relation to the intended marriage,—

(a) the full address of the place where the intended marriage is to be solemnised; and

(b) the alternative address, if any, of the place where the intended marriage is to be solemnised; and

(c) the date or approximate date on which the parties intend to marry; and

(d) if the intended marriage is to be performed by a marriage celebrant,—

(i) the marriage celebrant's full name; and

(ii) where relevant, the marriage celebrant's denomination or organisation.

Details of parties to intended marriage

2 In relation to each of the parties to the intended marriage,—

(a) whether bride, bridegroom, or partner; and

(b) full name; and

(c) full name at birth (if different from current name); and

(d) sex; and

(e) date of birth; and

(f) place of birth; and

(g) usual occupation, profession, or job; and

(h) usual residential address (including flat number (if applicable), street number, street name, suburb or rural locality, town, city, or district, and country, if not New Zealand); and

(i) relationship status immediately before the intended marriage (never in a civil union and never married, or previously in a civil union, or previously married); and

(j) if previously in a civil union or previously married,—

(i) the date on which the civil union or marriage ended; and

(ii) how the civil union or marriage ended (by dissolution, divorce, or death of former spouse or partner); and

(k) full names of all parents; and

(l) full name at birth of any parent specified, if different from current name.

Schedule 3
Information required for certificate of no impediment application

r 5

Schedule 3: inserted, on 6 June 2026, by section 169 of the Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2026 (2026 No 26).

Details of applicant

1 In relation to the applicant,—

(a) full name; and

(b) full name at birth (if different from current name); and

(c) date of birth; and

(d) place of birth; and

(e) if the applicant was not born in New Zealand, the year of their arrival in New Zealand; and

(f) usual residential address (including flat number (if applicable); street number; street name; suburb or rural locality; town, city, or district; and country, if not New Zealand); and

(g) contact details; and

(h) the reason for the application; and

(i) in relation to the applicant's parents,—

(i) the full name of each parent; and

(ii) the full name at birth of each parent (if different from current name); and

(iii) whether each parent is living or deceased; and

(j) in relation to a referee supporting the application,—

(i) the referee's full name; and

(ii) the referee's usual residential address (including flat number (if applicable); street number; street name; suburb or rural locality; town, city, or district; and country, if not New Zealand); and

(iii) the referee's contact details; and

(k) if previously in a civil union or previously married,—

(i) the date and place of each civil union or marriage; and

(ii) the date on which each civil union or marriage ended; and

(iii) how each civil union or marriage ended (for example, by dissolution, divorce, or death of former spouse or partner); and

(l) signature; and

(m) date of signature.

Details of applicant's intended partner

2 In relation to the applicant's intended partner,—

(a) full name; and

(b) nationality; and

(c) date of birth; and

(d) place of birth.

Details of intended marriage

3 Place of intended marriage.

Marie Shroff,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Regulations 1995 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

Regulatory Systems (Internal Affairs) Amendment Act 2026 (2026 No 26): sections 166–169

Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021 (2021 No 57): section 147

Marriage (Prescribed Information and Forms) Amendment Regulations 2018 (LI 2018/208)

Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SR 2013/294)

Marriage Amendment Act 2012 (2012 No 13): section 5

Marriage (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2005 (SR 2005/84)

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