

Certificate and Application for the Registration of a Place of Religious Worship for the Solemnization of Marriages under Sec. 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949

Form 78

(as amended by the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958 and Marriage (Registration of Buildings) Act, 1990)

Using the guidance notes overleaf please complete all sections of the form. Once completed, please submit your application, in duplicate, to the Superintendent Registrar of the Register Office where the building is situated with the required documentation and fee.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned householders, do hereby certify that
 (add building name) is used by us as our usual
 place of public religious worship, and that we request that the building is registered for the
 solemnisation of marriages. Date.....

Signature of householder	Print name	Address
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Countersigned by me (sign name)being the proprietor /
 trustee (delete as appropriate) of the building named above. Date

APPLICATION

To the Superintendent Registrar of the Registration District of
 I..... (add name) being the proprietor/ trustee (delete as
 appropriate) of the building known as
 situated at.....
 belonging to the religious denomination of
 which was registered as a place for religious worship by the Registrar General on (add date)
 and given worship number..... do hereby apply for the said
 building to be registered for the solemnization of marriages.

Signature Date.....

Additional Information to support the application

1. Are the doors open to the public? *Please tick one box* YES NO
2. Please provide a copy of the marriage service you intend to use. *Tick box to confirm*

Guidance notes for Applicant

Certificate

1. Building name. Please insert the full name by which the congregation know the building.
2. Date. Please enter the date that the householders sign the certificate.
3. Householder signatures. The signatures, names and addresses of no less than twenty householders who attend the building for the purpose of religious worship must be added to the form.
4. Counter signatory. The person who countersigns the form must not have also signed as a householder. The counter signatory must be either the proprietor/owner or a trustee of the building. Where a building is owned by the Church of England forms 78 must be countersigned in both the certificate and application sections by the Diocesan Registrar or a representative of the Bishop.
5. Date. Please enter the date that the certificate was countersigned. This must be after the householders have signed the certificate.

Application

1. Registration District. Please enter the registration district where the building is situated
2. Building name. Please insert the full name by which the congregation know the building.
3. Address. Please enter the precise address of the building. If the building bears a number as well as a name this should be stated.
4. Denomination. Please enter the name of the religious denomination who use the building. This should be different to the name of the building.
5. Date of certification for worship and worship number. This information will be on the certificate of registration returned to you by your local superintendent registrar. If you are applying to register the building for religious worship and the solemnization of marriages at the same time please leave these fields blank
6. Applicant. The person who signs the application must be either the proprietor/owner or trustee of the building.
7. Date. Please enter the date that the application was signed. This must be dated within one month of the date of the householders certificate.

Additional Information

1. Confirmation of open doors. This is to ensure that the general public have access to all marriage ceremonies in case they need to raise an objection to a marriage.
2. Order of Service. This is to ensure that the correct words of "Declaration" and "Contract" have been incorporated into the marriage service.

n.b. When the building to be certified as a place for religious worship is intended to be used in lieu of a building previously certified, a form 77 (Notice of disuse) should be completed for the original registration and sent to the General Register Office. If the Authorised Person facility is to be carried over to the new building the relevant Authorised Person forms must be completed and included with the application.

To be completed by the Superintendent Registrar

Form 78 fully completed Documentation enclosed Fee paid

Print Name Signature.....

Register Office Contact number.....

To the Superintendent Registrar

**In accordance with the Marriage Act 1949,,
....., has been duly registered for the
solemnization of marriages by the General Register Office in the registration
district of
by for the Registrar General.**

Register Number..... Date

For the purpose of detecting and preventing crime, information relating to an application may be shared and verified with other government departments or law enforcement agencies