

## Frequently Asked Questions about Marrying in Bermuda

#### • What are the requirements for marrying in Bermuda?

The only requirements are the "Notice of Intended Marriage" form and the filing fees. The form has to be filled out and mailed at least 15 days prior to the date of the wedding, along with certified copies of any final divorce decrees or death certificates, if applicable. There are no blood tests or medical examinations required to marry in Bermuda.

#### • How do I obtain a "Notice of Intended Marriage"?

You can request the "Notice of Intended Marriage" from the Government of Bermuda by calling 441-297–7709 or you can download the form from the Bermuda Government website www.registrygeneral.gov.bm.

### • How expensive are the filing fees?

A cashier's cheque or bank draft (no personal cheques) in the amount of USD 243\* should be made payable to the Accountant General, Hamilton Bermuda. USD 210 is the cost of the license, and the additional USD 21 is for your wedding certificate. \*Fees are subject to change at any time and credit cards are not accepted.



## • What address should I mail the "Notice of Intended Marriage" and filing fees to?

Register General Government Administrative Building 30 Parliament Street Hamilton, HM 12 Bermuda

# • For how long is the Marriage License valid after submitting the "Notice of Intended Marriage" and filing fees?

- No more than three months from the date of issue.
- No less than 15 days.

## • How long must people be on the island of Bermuda before they can marry?

There is no required length of stay before or after marrying in Bermuda. You can fly into Bermuda and marry on the same day, provided the notice has been filed.

### Is the marriage considered legal worldwide?

Yes. The marriage certificate obtained from the Registry General after the wedding is recognized as a legal document worldwide. A copy of your marriage certificate will be mailed to you when it is ready (approximately 2 to 3 weeks after the wedding).

#### Are witnesses required?

Yes, two witnesses are required by Bermuda law.

## • Where on property can I hold my ceremony?

Depending on the size of the wedding and on weather conditions, the ceremony can be held at a number of beautiful and unique locations, from scenic ocean terraces to beach and garden settings.



## • If I choose to have an outdoor wedding, what will happen if it rains?

Your Conference Service Manager on property will work with your wedding coordinator to plan an appropriate back up location for your wedding.

## • Is there a group discount rate available, and if so, how many rooms need to be booked in order to get this rate?

Yes. We do our best to accommodate group bookings (10 or more rooms). This is subject to availability.

#### • Do you have Rabbi's on the island?

At this time Bermuda does not have a Rabbi. You would need to bring your own, and that will involve securing the appropriate work permit.

### • What is the procedure for bringing my own Rabbi?

You have to contact the Bermuda Department of Immigration. They can be contacted via telephone by calling 441-295-5151 or you can go to the Bermuda Government website at www.gov.bm.

#### • Do Catholic Priests perform ceremonies outside of their church?

Unfortunately, all local Catholic Priests will only perform wedding ceremonies in a Catholic Church. For further information you will need to liaise directly with a local priest.

# • If I want a Non-Denominational Minister or a Justice of the Peace to perform my ceremony is that possible?

Bermuda does have a Justice of the Peace, but they will only perform wedding ceremonies at the Registry General's Office. Please note, Bermuda's Non-Denominational Ministers are Christian based, and will use the terms Christ and God in the ceremonies they perform.



#### • Will my wedding be the only wedding on your property that day?

We are not able to guarantee that your wedding will be the only one on our property that day. But rest assured that your wedding will not be affected by other events that are being held on our property the same day. A dedicated Sales and Conference Services Manager will oversee your event, and ensure that everything goes smoothly on your special day.

#### • Will other people be on the beach during my wedding?

Our beach is available for all of our guests to use at their leisure 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Therefore, we cannot restrict them from using the beach during an event. There are designated areas on the beach in which events are set-up to help create a sense of privacy.

### Who will collect my marriage license?

The hotel will be happy to make arrangements to have your license picked up for an additional fee.

#### • Why do I have to have a wedding planner?

Our Sales and Conference Services Managers work on a wide array of function types, from tradeshows and large conventions to small intimate meetings and weddings. Due to the volume and range of clients, our Sales and Conference Services Managers are not typically able to work on functions that are more than three months away. Therefore, we are aware that many brides spend much longer than three months planning their weddings, so we recommend working with a wedding planner for all the initial planning and detail discussion.

