



London
CANADA

Civil Marriage Services

Inquiry:	The Lobby Reception Desk (1 st floor) or the City Clerk's Office (3 rd floor), City Hall 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, ON N6A 4L9 Telephone: 519-661-4530 Office Hours: Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Requirements:	A valid Province of Ontario marriage licence is required. Marriage licences can be obtained at the Lobby Reception Desk or the City Clerk's Office and are available from most local municipalities in Ontario. Valid photo ID for both Applicants must be provided prior to the scheduled ceremony.
Witnesses:	Couples must provide two witnesses (one for each partner) who must be present at the ceremony, as indicated in Section 25 of the <i>Marriage Act</i> .
The service:	<p>Civil Marriage Services will be provided by the Office of the City Clerk and officiated by the Clerk or a Clerk Designate. Due to the civil nature of the service, there cannot be any religious connotation to the ceremony.</p> <p>No decorations, confetti, bubbles, candles or incense are allowed in or on the grounds of City Hall.</p> <p>No music will be provided during the ceremony.</p> <p>The determination as to whether photographs will be taken during the ceremony should be made during the consultation.</p>
Guests:	Up to 8 guests are able to attend a civil ceremony (including witnesses)
Ceremony hours:	Ceremonies will be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays when City Hall is open for business.
Language interpreter:	Couples are responsible for bringing a language interpreter, if needed, for languages other than English. Couples who require a sign-language interpreter for the wedding booking and/or for the wedding ceremony may make their own arrangements or may ask the City Clerk's Office to make the necessary arrangements. Either way, the cost for a sign-language interpreter will be borne by the City as required by the City of London's Accessibility Standards for Customer Service.
Fees:	Payment of \$275.00 +HST is due at the time of booking a wedding ceremony. A \$113.00 (\$100 +HST) administration fee shall be retained by the City should the ceremony be cancelled after booking. No refund will be issued if you do not arrive on the date of your scheduled ceremony. The City can provide witnesses at an additional cost of \$25.00 plus HST per witness, if required.
Marriage ineligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One or both parties are under physical or mental duress• One or both parties fail to meet the age requirements (both parties must be at least 18 years old to get married in Ontario. Parties who are 16 or 17 years old may marry only if they have the consent in writing of both parents)• The parties are related as grandparent, parent, child, grandchild, brother or sister• One or both parties are currently married• One or both parties are mentally ill or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs and incapable of understanding the nature of the marriage contract and the duties, obligations and responsibilities that result from marriage.



Civil Marriage Ceremony Booking Agreement

Applicant information

	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Reference	
Applicant				<input type="radio"/> Spouse <input type="radio"/> Husband	<input type="radio"/> Partner <input type="radio"/> Wife
Joint Applicant				<input type="radio"/> Spouse <input type="radio"/> Husband	<input type="radio"/> Partner <input type="radio"/> Wife

Ceremony information

Planned date of ceremony		Preferred time of ceremony <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	
Type of ceremony selected (Choose from the different ceremony types on the following pages.) <input type="radio"/> #1 <input type="radio"/> #2 <input type="radio"/> #3 <input type="radio"/> #4 <input type="radio"/> #5 <input type="radio"/> #6		Ceremony location <input type="radio"/> Private room <input type="radio"/> Service Counter	
Number of rings <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> No rings		Number of guests (maximum of 8 guests, including witnesses)	

Applicant and/or Joint Applicant (Applicants) consent to the following:

1. The Applicants for the civil marriage ceremony do hereby consent to defend and indemnify the City of London for any loss or damages incurred by their invitees. The Applicants agree that the City of London will not be held responsible for personal injury or damage, nor for the theft or loss of any personal property of anyone attending a Municipal Facility on the invitation of the Applicants.
2. Due to the civil nature of the service, there cannot be an religious connotation to the ceremony.
3. The Applicants shall be responsible for the conduct and supervision of all persons admitted to the Municipal Facility and shall see that all regulations pertaining to the event are strictly followed.
4. The Applicants agree to arrive 15 minutes prior to the ceremony with one piece of valid photo ID for each Applicant and a valid marriage licence.
5. The Municipal Facility may only be used for civil marriage ceremonies conducted by Municipal staff.
6. All exits must be kept free from obstruction in case of fire.
7. The Municipal Facility will be available for the duration of the ceremony. Minimal decorating, i.e. flowers, balloons, etc., is permitted, however, must be approved by the officiate in advance of the ceremony. No decorations, confetti, bubbles, candles or incense are allowed in or on the grounds.
8. A wedding booking is not confirmed until this agreement is completed and returned to the City Clerk's Office with full payment. A \$113.00 (\$100 + HST) administration fee shall be retained by the City should the scheduled ceremony be cancelled prior to the scheduled date. No refund will be issued if you do not arrive on the date of your scheduled ceremony.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of joint applicant

Date

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Ceremony paid <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Marriage licence purchased <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Witnesses provided by applicants <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Interpreter required <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - <i>explain</i> : _____
Date of ceremony	Licence Expiry Date	Time of ceremony <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Marriage Act, R.S.O. 1990, and will be used to schedule, prepare for, and solemnize civil marriages performed at City Hall. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk at 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON N6A 4L9. Tel: (519) 661-4530.

Ceremony 1

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I {Applicant 1} do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I {Applicant 2} do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process, which is not to be undertaken recklessly or irresponsibly but maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two persons, the result of which is the formation of a family unit whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and otherwise. It is this relationship which these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 2 first name}'s left hand saying after me:

"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honor and cherish thee and this ring shall be the symbol of my love."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 1 first name}'s left hand saying after me:

"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honor and cherish thee and this ring shall be the symbol of my love."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 2 – no ring(s)

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are gathered at this place to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple, according to the order and the custom prevailing, and under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage.

Marriage is therefore not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted, and of the material, intellectual and emotional factors which will govern its fulfillment.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. “I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2} .”

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. “I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1} .”

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. “I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, {Applicant 1} do take you to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}.”

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. “I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, {Applicant 2} do take you to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}.”

Before introducing you for the first time as a married couple, I would like us to reflect upon these words:

Let your home be your haven of peace in the midst of a busy and businesslike world; let your relationship be one of complete truth and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and by growing together in love, it is possible to share not only the joys of life, but the burdens of sorrow as well.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 3

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are gathered at this place to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple, according to the order and the custom prevailing, and under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage.

Marriage is therefore not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted, and of the material, intellectual and emotional factors which will govern its fulfillment.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare, that I do not know, of any lawful impediment, why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare, that I do not know, of any lawful impediment, why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}. To laugh with you in joy. - To grieve with you in sorrow. - To grow with you in love. - To be faithful to you alone. As long as we both shall live.

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person: Do you accept? ("I do" – 2nd person responds)

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}. To laugh with you in joy. - To grieve with you in sorrow. - To grow with you in love. - To be faithful to you alone. As long as we both shall live.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person: Do you accept? ("I do" – 1st person responds)

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 2 first name}'s left hand saying after me: "This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 1 first name}'s left hand saying after me: "This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 4

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are gathered here to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple, according to the order and custom prevailing, and under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Marriage is a commitment in life, where two people can find and bring out the very best in each other. As such, marriage is not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted. We have come together today not to mark the start of a relationship, but to acknowledge and strengthen a bond that already exists.

Marriage Officiant to 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, {Applicant 1}, may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, {Applicant 2} may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, {Applicant 1}, do take you, {Applicant 2}, to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}. To love and cherish, from this day forward. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health so long as we both shall live."

Marriage Officiant to 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, {Applicant 2}, do take you, {Applicant 1}, to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}. To love and cherish, from this day forward. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health so long as we both shall live."

These rings are a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and life together.

Marriage Officiant to 1st person:

Please place this ring on the third finger of {Applicant 2}'s left hand saying after me: "I give you this ring, as a daily reminder of my love for you."

Marriage Officiant to 2nd person:

Please place this ring on the third finger of {Applicant 1}'s left hand saying after me: "I give you this ring, as a daily reminder of my love for you."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 5 - no ring(s)

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are gathered together to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Marriage is the promise of hope between two people who love each other sincerely, who honour each other as individuals, and who wish to unite their lives and share the future together.

In this ceremony, {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} dedicate themselves to the happiness and well-being of each other, in the new life they now undertake.

{Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} may you pledge to each other to be loving friends and partners in marriage. To talk and to listen, to trust and appreciate one another; to respect and cherish each other's uniqueness, and to support, comfort, and strengthen each other through life's joys and sorrows. May you promise to share hopes, thoughts, and dreams as you build your lives together. May your lives be ever intertwined, your love keeping you together. May you build a home that is compassionate to all, full of respect and honour for others and for each other.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I {Applicant 1} may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I {Applicant 2} may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 6

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I {Applicant 1} do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I {Applicant 2} do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.