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**WOMEN'S CHARTER  
(CHAPTER 353)**

**WOMEN'S CHARTER  
(REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES) (AMENDMENT NO. 2)  
RULES 2011**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 180(1) of the Women's Charter, MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing, Minister of State, charged with the responsibility of the Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, hereby makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2011.

**New rules 1A and 1B**

**2.** The Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules (R 3) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 1, the following rules:

**“Prescribed persons under section 17A of Act**

**1A.—**(1) For the purposes of section 17A(1) of the Act, the prescribed classes of persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme are —

- (a) every party to an intended marriage where —
  - (i) any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
  - (ii) any one of the parties is below the age of 18 years; and
- (b) every party to an intended marriage where —
  - (i) any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
  - (ii) neither party is below the age of 18 years but both parties are below the age of 21 years,

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unless a party to the intended marriage suffers from any illness or disability specified in paragraph (2).

- (2) The illness or disability referred to in paragraph (1) is —
- (a) any critical illness or terminal illness which renders it impracticable or impossible for the party suffering therefrom, or both that party and the other party to the intended marriage, to attend or complete a marriage preparation programme; and
  - (b) any physical disability or infirmity (such as any visual, auditory or speech impairment) which renders it impracticable or impossible for the party suffering therefrom, or both that party and the other party to the intended marriage, to attend or complete a marriage preparation programme.

### **Marriage preparation programme**

**1B.** For the purposes of section 17A of the Act, a “marriage preparation programme” refers to a programme or course —

- (a) which is organised by any secular or religious organisation;
- (b) which seeks to help persons intending to get married to understand and prepare for the issues commonly arising in a marriage; and
- (c) which is conducted by a person who is trained in conducting a programme or course of such nature or who has experience in dealing with issues commonly arising in a marriage.”.

### **Amendment of Schedule**

**3.** The Schedule to the Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules is amended by deleting Form A and substituting the following Form:

“FORM A  
WOMEN’S CHARTER  
(CHAPTER 353)

Rules 2, 4A, 6(1) and (2) and 15(1)

**NOTICE OF MARRIAGE UNDER SECTION 14  
MARRIAGE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17  
APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 10  
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENCE UNDER SECTION 21**

**Solemnization**

<p><b>To: Registrar of Marriages, Singapore</b></p> <p>I, _____ hereby give you notice of my intention to marry _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> within 3 months from the date hereof a marriage licence issued under section 17 of the Women’s Charter.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> within an application for a marriage licence under section 10(2) of the Women’s Charter.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> within an application for a marriage licence under section 21 of the Women’s Charter.</p> <p>I, _____ hereby apply under section 182 of the Women’s Charter to register my marriage to _____.</p> <p>The particulars of our marriage are as follows: _____</p> <p>Signature or RTP of the person giving this Notice/making this Application _____ Date of Notice: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Official Use Only</i></p> <p><b>Remarks</b></p>																																																			
<p><b>Attestation (Section 15)</b></p> <p>I, _____ of the Registry of Marriages, Singapore, certify that the *Signature/RTP was affixed in presence by the person named herein and I have verified to the best of my ability to be that of this person.</p> <p>Signature of Attesting Witness _____ Interpreted in *English/Mandarin/Others _____</p>	<p><b>Marriage Licence under Section 17</b></p> <p>The parties in the Notice having complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Women’s Charter and there being no caveat entered under section 19 of the Women’s Charter which obstructs the issue of this licence, are hereby issued with a licence to marry WITHIN THREE MONTHS from the date of the Notice. This licence shall be valid with effect from the date stated below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Assistant Registrar of Marriages</p>																																																			
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†Someone who describes himself/herself as single must be previously unmarried and not a divorcee.

**STATUTORY DECLARATION (Male Party)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are true and that further,

(a) I am (select one)

at least 21 years of age; OR

below 21 years of age, but will attain 21 years of age on \_\_\_\_\_; OR

below 21 years of age and \*divorced/a widower/have had my marriage declared null and void; OR

below 21 years of age, have not been previously married and the consent of the appropriate person in the Second Schedule to the Women's Charter \*has been obtained/ dispensed with/the consent of the High Court has been given in accordance with section 13 of the Women's Charter;

(b) I am not below 18 years of age;

(c) There is no lawful impediment to the marriage;

(d) I am not married under any law, religion, custom or usage to any person other than the person whose name appears together with mine overleaf;

(e) I \*am/am not a Singapore \*citizen/permanent resident and I \*have been/have not been physically present in Singapore for at least 15 days preceding the date of notice of marriage;

(f) †I have attended and completed a marriage preparation programme;

(g) †I am a divorcee. There \*is/isn't a maintenance order against me and I \*owe/do not owe maintenance arrears under the maintenance order.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act (Cap. 211), and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in the declaration to be true in every particular.

\*Signature/RTP of Declarant \_\_\_\_\_

Interpretation in \*English/Mandarin/\_\_\_\_\_ language by \_\_\_\_\_ to the Declarant.

Declared before me at Singapore \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner for Oaths

**STATUTORY DECLARATION (Female Party)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are true and that further,

(a) I am (select one)

at least 21 years of age; OR

below 21 years of age, but will attain 21 years of age on \_\_\_\_\_; OR

below 21 years of age and \*divorced/a widower/have had my marriage declared null and void; OR

below 21 years of age, have not been previously married and the consent of the appropriate person in the Second Schedule to the Women's Charter \*has been obtained/ dispensed with/the consent of the High Court has been given in accordance with section 13 of the Women's Charter;

(b) I am not below 18 years of age;

(c) There is no lawful impediment to the marriage;

(d) I am not married under any law, religion, custom or usage to any person other than the person whose name appears together with mine overleaf;

(e) I \*am/am not a Singapore \*citizen/permanent resident and I \*have been/have not been physically present in Singapore for at least 15 days preceding the date of notice of marriage;

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner for Oaths

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**Special Marriage Licence under Section 21**

Whereas \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ desire to marry; and whereas proof has been made by statutory declaration and there is no lawful impediment to the proposed marriage;

- and whereas the Minister is satisfied that consent required under section 13(1) of the Women's Charter has been obtained;
- and whereas the Minister is satisfied that the consent of the High Court under section 13(2)(b) or 13(3) of the Women's Charter has been given;
- and whereas the Minister is satisfied that the consent required under section 13(1) has been dispensed with under section 13(2)(a) of the Women's Charter;

Now therefore the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 21 of the Women's Charter hereby:

- dispenses with the giving of a notice of marriage under section 14 of the Women's Charter by the persons named herein;
- dispenses with the issue of a marriage licence under section 17 of the Women's Charter;
- grants a special marriage licence authorising the solemnization of a marriage between the parties named herein within one month from the date hereof;
- grants a special marriage licence authorising the solemnization of a marriage between the parties named herein within one month from the date hereof notwithstanding that \_\_\_\_\_  
\*is/are below the age of 18 years.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minister  
Ministry of Community Development,  
Youth and Sports  
Singapore

\*Delete as appropriate.

†Notes to Statutory Declaration

1. Paragraph (f) may be deleted if the declarant does not fall within a class of persons prescribed under section 17A of the Women's Charter (Cap. 353) as persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme. The prescribed classes of persons are —
  - (a) every party to an intended marriage where —
    - (i) any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
    - (ii) any one of the parties is below the age of 18 years; and
  - (b) every party to an intended marriage where —
    - (i) any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
    - (ii) neither party is below the age of 18 years but both parties are below the age of 21 years,unless a party to the intended marriage suffers from any critical or terminal illness or any physical disability or infirmity which renders it impracticable or impossible for one or both of them to attend or complete a marriage preparation programme.
2. Paragraph (g) may be deleted if the declarant is not a divorcee.”.

*[G.N. Nos. S 688/2002; S 46/2003; S 557/2005; S 227/2010; S 270/2011]*

Made this 23rd day of August 2011.

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Ministry of Community Development,  
Youth and Sports,  
Singapore.*

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 180(2) of the Women's Charter).