

WOMEN'S CHARTER
(CHAPTER 353, SECTION 180(1))

WOMEN'S CHARTER (REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES)
RULES

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[1st June 1981]

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) 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,

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.

[S 498/2011 wef 01/09/2011]

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.

[S 498/2011 wef 01/09/2011]

Notice of intended marriage

2. A notice of an intended marriage to be given to the Registrar under section 14 of the Act shall be in Form A set out in the Schedule.

Caveat

3.—(1) A caveat entered with the Registrar under section 19 of the Act against the issue of a marriage licence shall be in such form as the Registrar may require.

(2) Where a caveat has been entered against the issue of a marriage licence, the Registrar shall send by registered post a copy of the caveat to the parties of the intended marriage.

(3) A fee of \$310 shall be payable for entering a caveat with the Registrar.

[S 557/2005 wef 01/09/2005]

Application for licence

4.—(1) An application for the grant of a licence under section 10(2) of the Act shall be in such form as the Registrar may require.

(2) A fee of \$200 shall be payable for the licence.

Statutory declaration

4A. The statutory declaration made under section 17(2) of the Act shall be in Form A set out in the Schedule.

[S 270/2011 wef 01/06/2011]

Fees for marriage licences

5.—(1) The following fees shall be payable to the Registrar for the issue of a marriage licence under section 17 of the Act:

- (a) where at least one party to the marriage is a citizen of Singapore and the marriage is to be solemnized by the Registrar or by a person licensed to do so under section 8(2) of the Act — \$26; and
- (b) where both parties to the marriage are not citizens of Singapore and the marriage is to be solemnized on the following days:
 - (i) Monday to Friday \$128;
 - (ii) Saturday \$198;
 - (iii) a special marriage solemnization date \$298.

(2) A fee of \$15 shall be payable for each application for a change of date, time, witnesses or venue for marriage solemnization.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), “special marriage solemnization date” means such date as the Minister may determine.

[S 688/2002 wef 02/01/2003]

Special marriage licence

6.—(1) An application for the grant of a special marriage licence under section 21 of the Act shall be in Form A set out in the Schedule.

(2) A special marriage licence granted under section 21 of the Act shall be in Form A set out in the Schedule.

[S 46/2003 wef 01/02/2003]

(3) A fee of \$200 shall be payable for the issue of a special marriage licence under section 21 of the Act if the marriage is to be solemnized by the Registrar or by a person licensed to do so under section 8(2) of the Act.

(4) A fee of \$250 shall be payable for the issue of a special marriage licence under section 21 of the Act for the solemnization of a marriage where any party to the marriage is below the age of 18 years.

Certificate of marriage

7.—(1) The Registrar shall keep every certificate of marriage in Form C set out in the Schedule.

(2) The copy of a certificate of marriage issued by the Registrar or a Deputy Registrar after the solemnization of the marriage shall be in Form D set out in the Schedule.

Registration of marriage by Deputy Registrar

8. Every Deputy Registrar who registers a marriage under section 29 of the Act shall require the parties to the marriage to submit to him the notice of the marriage given to the Registrar under section 14 of the Act and the marriage licence issued by the Registrar under section 17 of the Act.

Documents, forms, etc., to be supplied by Registrar

9. All forms, books and documents specified in these Rules and the seal of office of a Deputy Registrar shall be supplied by the Registrar to the Deputy Registrar.

Fee to solemnize marriage

10. A person who has been granted a licence under section 8(2) of the Act to solemnize marriages may charge a fee of \$5 for solemnizing a marriage.

Penalty

11. A penalty of \$66 shall be payable under section 30 of the Act for the registration of a marriage under that section.

Fee for correction of entry in a certificate of marriage

12. The fee payable for the correction of any entry in a certificate of marriage under section 43 of the Act shall be \$42 per amendment.

Fee for certified copy of entry in register

13.—(1) The fee payable for the issue of a certified true copy of any entry in the register of marriages shall be —

(a) \$70 for any marriage solemnized in Singapore before 15th September 1961; and

(b) \$50 for any marriage solemnized in Singapore on or after 15th September 1961.

(2) No fee shall be payable for any such certified copy furnished to a Government department.

Fee for search or inspection of register

14.—(1) A fee of \$35 shall be payable for a search or inspection of the register of marriages.

(2) An officer of the Government who carries out a search or inspection of a register of marriages or index for official purposes shall be exempted from payment of fees specified in paragraph (1).

(3) No fee shall be payable for the search or inspection of a marriage register or index for official, statistical or research purposes by a person approved by the Permanent Secretary.

(4) The Permanent Secretary may, in the circumstances of a particular case or a class of cases, waive the whole or any part of the fee specified in paragraph (1).

[S 227/2010 wef 16/04/2010]

Registration of valid customary marriage

15.—(1) An application for the registration of a valid customary marriage under section 182 of the Act shall be made in Form A set out in the Schedule.

(2) The fee payable for the registration of such a marriage shall be \$55.

Variation of forms

16. Any form set out in the Schedule may be used with such variations of a formal nature as the Registrar thinks necessary.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

STATUTORY DECLARATION (Male Party)	STATUTORY DECLARATION (Female Party)	<i>For Official Use only</i>
<p>I, _____ do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are true and that further,</p> <p>(a) I am (select one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at least 21 years of age; OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> below 21 years of age, but will attain 21 years of age on _____; OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> below 21 years of age and *divorced/a widower/have had my marriage declared null and void; OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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;</p> <p>(b) I am not below 18 years of age;</p> <p>(c) There is no lawful impediment to the marriage;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(f) I† have attended and completed a marriage preparation programme;</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*Signature/RTP of Declarant _____</p> <p>Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/ _____ language by _____ to the Declarant.</p> <p>Declared before me at Singapore _____ day of _____</p> <p>_____ Commissioner for Oaths</p>	<p>I, _____ do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are true and that further,</p> <p>(a) I am (select one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at least 21 years of age; OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> below 21 years of age, but will attain 21 years of age on _____; OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> below 21 years of age and *divorced/a widower/have had my marriage declared null and void; OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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;</p> <p>(b) I am not below 18 years of age;</p> <p>(c) There is no lawful impediment to the marriage;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(f) I† have attended and completed a marriage preparation programme;</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*Signature/RTP of Declarant _____</p> <p>Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/ _____ language by _____ to the Declarant.</p> <p>Declared before me at Singapore _____ day of _____</p> <p>_____ Commissioner for Oaths</p>	<p>Special Marriage Licence under Section 21</p> <p>Whereas _____ desire to marry; and</p> <p>whereas proof has been made by statutory declaration and there is no lawful impediment to the proposed marriage;</p> <p>• and whereas the Minister is satisfied that consent required under section 13(1) of the Women's Charter has been obtained;</p> <p>• 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;</p> <p>• 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;</p> <p>Now therefore the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 21 of the Women's Charter hereby:</p> <p>• dispenses with the giving of a notice of marriage under section 14 of the Women's Charter by the persons named herein;</p> <p>• dispenses with the issue of a marriage licence under section 17 of the Women's Charter;</p> <p>• grants a special marriage licence authorising the solemnization of a marriage between the parties named herein within one month from the date hereof;</p> <p>• 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.</p> <p>_____ Date</p> <p>_____ Minister Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports Singapore</p>

*Delete as appropriate.

†Notes to Statutory Declaration

- 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 —
 - every party to an intended marriage where —
 - any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
 - any one of the parties is below the age of 18 years; and
 - every party to an intended marriage where —
 - any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
 - 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.
- Paragraph (g) may be deleted if the declarant is not a divorcee.**

[S 46/2003 wef 01/02/2003]
[S 270/2011 wef 01/06/2011]
[S 498/2011 wef 01/09/2011]

FORM B

[Deleted by S 46/2003 wef 01/02/2003]

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM C

Rule 7(1)

WOMEN'S CHARTER
(CHAPTER 353)

Entry No.



THIS CERTIFICATE IS TO
BE FORWARDED TO THE
REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGES,
SINGAPORE NOT LATER
THAN 3 DAYS AFTER
THE DATE OF REGISTERING
THE MARRIAGE.

THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

WOMEN'S CHARTER
(CHAPTER 353)

(Sections 28 and 29)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

THE MARRIAGE

between (.....)
(Bridegroom) (NRIC No.) (Signature)

and (.....)
(Bride) (NRIC No.) (Signature)

was solemnized by

at on

in the presence of

..... (.....)
(Witness) (NRIC No.) (Signature)

and (.....)
(Witness) (NRIC No.) (Signature)

and was registered by me at on

.....
(Registrar/Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Singapore).

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM D

Rule 7(2)

WOMEN'S CHARTER
(CHAPTER 353)

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WOMEN'S CHARTER
(CHAPTER 353)

(Sections 28 and 29)

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(Witness) (NRIC No.)

and (.....)
(Witness) (NRIC No.)

and was registered by me at on

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(Registrar/Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Singapore).

[G.N. Nos. S 152/81; S 326/82; S 345/84; S 150/85;
S 325/88; S 250/90; S 423/91; S 383/92; S 42/93; S 114/95;
S 94/97; S 180/97; S 235/98; S 21/99; S 141/2000;
S 433/2000; S 198/2001; S 598/2001]

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
WOMEN'S CHARTER (REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES)
RULES
(CHAPTER 353, R 3)

This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules. It is not part of this Charter.

1. G. N. No. S 152/1981 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules 1981

Date of commencement : 1 June 1981

2. G. N. No. S 326/1982 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1982

Date of commencement : 1 December 1982

3. G. N. No. S 345/1984 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1984

Date of commencement : 2 January 1985

4. G. N. No. S 150/1985 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1985

Date of commencement : 15 June 1985

5. G. N. No. S 325/1988 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1988

Date of commencement : 1 November 1988

6. G. N. No. S 250/1990 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1990

Date of commencement : 11 June 1990

7. G. N. No. S 423/1991 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1991

Date of commencement : 1 October 1991

8. 1990 Revised Edition — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules

Date of operation : 25 March 1992

9. G. N. No. S 383/1992 — Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1992

Date of commencement : 1 September 1992

- 10. G. N. No. S 42/1993 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1993**
Date of commencement : 1 April 1993
- 11. G. N. No. S 114/1995 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1995**
Date of commencement : 1 April 1995
- 12. G. N. No. S 94/1997 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1997**
Date of commencement : 1 April 1997
- 13. G. N. No. S 180/1997 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1997**
Date of commencement : 1 May 1997
- 14. G. N. No. S 235/1998 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1998**
Date of commencement : 15 April 1998
- 15. 1998 Revised Edition — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules**
Date of operation : 15 June 1998
- 16. G. N. No. S 219/1999 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 1999**
Date of commencement : 1 June 1999
- 17. G. N. No. S 141/2000 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2000**
Date of commencement : 1 April 2000
- 18. G. N. No. S 433/2000 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2000**
Date of commencement : 1 October 2000
- 19. G. N. No. S 198/2001 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2001**
Date of commencement : 1 April 2001
- 20. G. N. No. S 598/2001 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2001**
Date of commencement : 1 December 2001

21. 2002 Revised Edition — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules

Date of operation : 30 September 2002

22. G. N. No. S 688/2002 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2002

Date of commencement : 2 January 2003

23. G. N. No. S 46/2003 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2003

Date of commencement : 1 February 2003

24. G. N. No. S 557/2005 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2005

Date of commencement : 1 September 2005

25. G. N. No. S 227/2010 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2010

Date of commencement : 16 April 2010

26. G.N. No. S 270/2011 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2011

Date of commencement : 1 June 2011

27. G.N. No. S 498/2011 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2011

Date of commencement : 1 September 2011

28. G.N. No. S 100/2012 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2012

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