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 class of persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme consists of every party to an intended marriage where —

- (*a*) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore;
- (b) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is below the age of 21 years; and
- (c) neither party to the intended marriage suffers from any illness or disability specified in paragraph (2).

[S 290/2016 wef 01/10/2016]

- (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.—(1) In sections 17A and 21 of the Act, "marriage preparation programme" means a programme or course which —

- (*a*) is organised by an organisation approved by a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family Development appointed under paragraph (2);
- (b) seeks to help persons intending to get married to understand and prepare for the issues commonly arising in a marriage; and

- (c) is conducted by a person who
 - (i) has experience in dealing with issues commonly arising in a marriage; or
 - (ii) is trained to conduct such a programme or course.

(2) The Minister may appoint a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family Development to approve any organisation authorised to organise a programme or course mentioned in paragraph (1).

[S 290/2016 wef 01/10/2016]

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.

Reduction, remission or refund of fees

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE UNDER

17. The Registrar of Marriages may, in his discretion, reduce, remit or refund wholly or in part, in any particular case, any fee paid or payable under these Rules.

[S 100/2012 wef 02/03/2012]

THE SCHEDULE

FORM A

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

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SECTION 14 MARRIAGE LICEN	ICE UNDER			
SECTION 17		Solemnization		
APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER S APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER S	SECTION 10 R SPECIAL			
To: Registrar of Marriages, Singapore I		For Official Use Only Remarks		
Attestation (Section 15) I of the Registry of Marriages, Singapore, certify that the *Signature/RTP was affixed in my presence by the person named in this Notice, and I have verified it to the best of my ability to be that of this person. Signature of Attesting Witness		section 17 of the Wom section 19 of the Wom are issued with a licence	der Section 17 ice, having complied with the requirements of en 's Charter, and there being no caveat entered under en 's Charter which obstructs the issue of this licence, the to marry WITHIN THREE MONTHS after the date ence is valid with effect from the date stated below.	
Name Alias ID Type ID No. Date of Birth † Marital Status Nationality	Male Applicant	Female Applicant	Whereas Women's Charter, and mentioned in the First And whereas I am sati	Assistant Registrar of Marriages rence under Section 10(2) andare desirous of marrying under the l they are within a prohibited degree of relationship Schedule to the Women's Charter; sfied that the proposed marriage of the parties named ies with the requirements of section 10(2) of the
Race Religion Education Occupation Both related? (by kindred and			Women's Charter; Now therefore, I, in section 10(2) of the W	exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Vomen's Charter, grant a licence for the marriage of this licence to be solemnized.

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affinity) Address Contact			Date	
Witness 1 Witness 2				
*Delete as appro †Someone who	oriate. escribes himself/herself as	s single must be previous	sly unmarried an	d not a divorcee.

STATUTORY DECLARATION (Male Party)	STATUTORY DECLARATION (Female Party)	For Official Use only
I,do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are true and that further,	I,do solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are true and that further,	Special Marriage Licence under Section 21 Whereas and desire to marry and
(a) I am (select one) □ at least 21 years of age; OR	(a) I am (select one)□ at least 21 years of age; OR	whereas proof has been made by statutory declaration and there is no lawful impediment to the proposed marriage;
(a) I am (select one)	(a) I am (select one)	marry; and whereas proof has been made by statutory declaration and there is no lawful impediment to the proposed
 (h) †1 *have/have not been previously convicted of either or both of the following offences: (i) an offence under section 57C(1) of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133); 	(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;	Date Minister Ministry of Social and Family Development Singapore
 (ii) an offence under section 494 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224). 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 	 (h) †1 *have/have not been previously convicted of either or both of the following offences: (i) an offence under section 57C(1) of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133); 	

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statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously	(ii) an offence under section 494 of the	
believing the statements contained in the declaration to	Penal Code (Cap. 224).	
be true in every particular.		
*Signature/RTP of Declarant	And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Oaths	
Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/ language	and Declarations Act (Cap. 211), and subject to the	
by to the Declarant.	penalties provided by that Act for the making of false	
Declared before me at Singapore day of	statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously	
	believing the statements contained in the declaration to	
	be true in every particular.	
Commissioner for Oaths	*Signature/RTP of Declarant	
	Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/	
	language by to the Declarant.	
	Declared before me at Singapore day of	
	Commissioner for Oaths	

*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 as persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme. The prescribed class of persons consists of every party to an intended marriage where —

(a) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore

(b) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is below the age of 21 years; and

(c) neither 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 that party to attend or complete a marriage preparation programme.

2. Paragraph (g) may be deleted if the declarant is not a divorcee.

3. Paragraph (h) may be deleted if the declarant has never been married, and has never been a party to a purported marriage that is void or a marriage that is voidable.

[S 46/2003 wef 01/02/2003] [S 270/2011 wef 01/06/2011] [S 498/2011 wef 01/09/2011] [S 290/2016 wef 01/10/2016]

FORM B

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

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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	() (NRIC No.)		
and	() (NRIC No.)		
was solemnized by			
at		on	
in the presence of			
(Witness)			
and(Witness)			
and was registered by me at		on	

(Registrar/Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Singapore).

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FORM D

Rule 7(2)

WOMEN'S CHARTER (CHAPTER 353)

Copy Entry No.



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WOMEN'S CHARTER (CHAPTER 353)

(Sections 28 and 29)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

THE MARRIAGE

(Bridegroom)		
and	() (NRIC No.)	
was solemnized by		
at	on	
in the presence of		
(Witness)	() (NRIC No.)	
and(Witness)		
and was registered by me at	on	

(Registrar/Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Singapore).

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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 Cha (Amendment)	
Date of commencement	: 1 April 1993
11. G. N. No. S 114/1995 — Women's Ch (Amendment	
Date of commencement	: 1 April 1995
12. G. N. No. S 94/1997 — Women's Cha (Amendment)	
Date of commencement	: 1 April 1997
13. G. N. No. S 180/1997 — Women's Ch (Amendment	arter (Registration of Marriages) No. 2) Rules 1997
Date of commencement	: 1 May 1997
14. G. N. No. S 235/1998 — Women's Ch (Amendment	
Date of commencement	: 15 April 1998
15. 1998 Revised Edition — Women's Ch Rules	arter (Registration of Marriages)
Date of operation	: 15 June 1998
16. G. N. No. S 219/1999 — Women's Ch (Amendment	
Date of commencement	: 1 June 1999
17. G. N. No. S 141/2000 — Women's Ch (Amendment	
Date of commencement	: 1 April 2000
18. G. N. No. S 433/2000 — Women's Ch (Amendment	arter (Registration of Marriages) No. 2) Rules 2000
Date of commencement	: 1 October 2000
19. G. N. No. S 198/2001 — Women's Ch (Amendment	
Date of commencement	: 1 April 2001
20. G. N. No. S 598/2001 — Women's Ch (Amendment	arter (Registration of Marriages) 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.		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.		Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2011
	Date of commencement	: 1 June 2011
27.		Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2011
	Date of commencement	: 1 September 2011
28.		Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2012
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