

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) The following fees are payable for the grant of the licence:

(a) where at least one party to the marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore — \$280;

(b) where neither party to the marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore — \$380.

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

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 or permanent resident of Singapore — \$42;

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

(b) where neither party to the marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore — \$380.

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

(2) A fee of \$25 shall be payable for each application for a change of date, time, witnesses or venue for marriage solemnization.

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

(3) *[Deleted by S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]*

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) The following fees are payable for the grant of a special marriage licence under section 21 of the Act:

(a) where at least one party to the marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore — \$280;

(b) where neither party to the marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore — \$380.

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

(4) *[Deleted by S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]*

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.

10. *[Deleted by S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]*

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 record contained in State Marriage Register

13.—(1) The fee payable for the issue of a certified true copy of any record contained in the State Marriage Register 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 public officer, for any official purpose.

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Fee for issue of record, etc., in State Marriage Register

14.—(1) Subject to rule 13 and paragraphs (2) and (3), a fee of \$35 is payable for the issue of a copy of or an extract from any record or information contained in the State Marriage Register.

(2) The fee specified in paragraph (1) does not apply to the issue of a copy of or an extract from any record or information mentioned in that paragraph —

(a) to a public officer, for any official purpose; or

(b) to a person approved by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social and Family Development, for any official, statistical or research purpose.

(3) The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social and Family Development 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 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Registration of marriage solemnized under law, religion, custom or usage

15.—(1) An application for the registration under section 182 of the Act of a marriage that is solemnized under any law, religion, custom or usage, shall be made in Form A set out in the Schedule.

(2) The fee payable for the registration of such a marriage shall be \$75.

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

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

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)

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

**NOTICE OF MARRIAGE UNDER SECTION 14
MARRIAGE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17**

Solemnization

**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 10
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENCE UNDER SECTION 21**

<p>To: Registrar of Marriages, Singapore I, _____ give you notice of my intention to marry _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> within 3 months after the date of this Notice, and after a marriage licence is issued under section 17 of the Women's Charter.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> within this application for a marriage licence under section 10(2) of the Women's Charter.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> within this application for a special marriage licence under section 21 of the Women's Charter.</p> <p>I, _____ 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 _____</p> <p>Date of Notice: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Official Use Only</i></p> <p>Remarks</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Signature of Attesting Witness _____</p> <p>Interpreted in *English/Mandarin/ _____ language</p>	<p>Marriage Licence under Section 17 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 issued with a licence to marry WITHIN THREE MONTHS after the date of the Notice. This licence is valid with effect from the date stated below.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Date _____ Assistant Registrar of Marriages</p>	
<p>Name _____</p> <p>Alias _____</p> <p>ID Type _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Male Applicant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Female Applicant</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For Official Use Only</i></p> <p>Marriage Licence under Section 10(2)</p>

THE SCHEDULE — continued

ID No. Date of Birth † Marital Status Nationality Race Religion Education Occupation Both related? (by kindred and affinity) Address Contact			Whereas _____ and _____ are desirous of marrying under the Women's Charter, and they are within a prohibited degree of relationship mentioned in the First Schedule to the Women's Charter; And whereas I am satisfied that the proposed marriage of the parties named in this licence complies with the requirements of section 10(2) of the Women's Charter; Now therefore, I, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 10(2) of the Women's Charter, grant a licence for the marriage of the persons named in this licence to be solemnized. _____ Date _____ _____ Minister Ministry of Social and Family Development Singapore
Witness 1			
Witness 2			
*Delete as appropriate. †Someone who describes himself/herself as single must be previously unmarried and not a divorcee.			

[S 280/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

<p>STATUTORY DECLARATION (Male Party)</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 and 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 or a Family 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</p> <p>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>STATUTORY DECLARATION (Female Party)</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 widow/have had my marriage declared null and void; OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> below 21 years of age and 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 or a Family 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</p> <p>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><i>For Official Use only</i></p> <p>Special Marriage Licence under Section 21</p> <p>Whereas _____ and _____ desire to marry; and whereas proof has been made by statutory declaration and there is no lawful impediment to the proposed marriage;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 or a Family Court under section 13(2)(b) or (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; <p>Now therefore the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 21 of the Women's Charter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dispenses with the giving of a notice of marriage under section 14 of the Women's Charter by the persons named in this licence; • 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 in this licence within one month from the date of this licence; • grants a special marriage licence authorising the solemnization of a marriage between the parties named in this licence within one month from the date of this licence notwithstanding that _____ *is/are below the age of 18 years.
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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<p>(h) †I *have/have not been previously convicted of either or both of the following offences:</p> <p>(i) an offence under section 57C(1) of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);</p> <p>(ii) an offence under section 6A of the Women's Charter or an offence under section 494 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224) as in force immediately before 1 January 2020.</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 _____ Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/ _____ language by _____ to the Declarant. Declared before me at Singapore ____ day of _____</p> <p>_____ Commissioner for Oaths</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>(h) †I *have/have not been previously convicted of either or both of the following offences:</p> <p>(i) an offence under section 57C(1) of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);</p> <p>(ii) an offence under section 6A of the Women's Charter or an offence under section 494 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224) as in force immediately before 1 January 2020.</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 _____ Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/ _____ language by _____ to the Declarant. Declared before me at Singapore ____ day of _____</p> <p>_____ Commissioner for Oaths</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Minister</p> <p>Ministry of Social and Family Development</p> <p>Singapore</p>
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[S 862/2019 wef 01/01/2020]

*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 as persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme. The prescribed class of persons consists of every party to an intended marriage where —
 - at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore
 - at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is below the age of 21 years; and
 - 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.
- Paragraph (g) may be deleted if the declarant is not a divorcee.
- 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]

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)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

THE MARRIAGE

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

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

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in the presence of

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

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

and was registered by me at on

.....
(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

Date of commencement : 2 March 2012

29. G.N. No. S 290/2016 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2016

Date of commencement : 1 October 2016

30. G.N. No. S 280/2017 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2017

Date of commencement : 1 July 2017

31. G.N. No. S 862/2019 — Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2019

Date of commencement : 1 January 2020