# 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;

(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]

<sup>[</sup>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

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE UNDER

SECTION 14

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)

MARRIAGE LICEN SECTION 17	CE UNDER	Solemnization			
APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER S APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER S	SECTION 10 R SPECIAL				
To: Registrar of Marriages, Singapore I, give you notice of my intention to marry		For Official Use Only Remarks			
<ul> <li>within 3 months after the date of this Notice, and after a marriage licence is issued under section 17 of the Women's Charter.</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>within this application for a marriage licence under section 10(2) of the Women's Charter.</li> </ul>					
within this application for a special marriage licence under section 21 of the Women's Charter.					
I,apply under section 182 of the Women's Charter to register my marriage to The particulars of our marriage are as follows: Signature or RTP of the person giving this Notice/making this Application Date of Notice:					
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         Interpreted in *English/Mandarin/ language		The parties in the section 17 of the under section 19 this licence, are MONTHS after	e Women's Charter 9 of the Women's C 9 issued with a lice	complied with the requirements of , and there being no caveat entered tharter which obstructs the issue of nee to marry WITHIN THREE otice. This licence is valid with	
			Date		Assistant Registrar of Marriages
Name Alias ID Type	Male Applicant	Female Applicant	<u>For Official Us</u> Marriage Lice	e <u>Only</u> nce under Sectior	n 10(2)

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under the Women's Charter, and they are within a prohibited degre
of relationship mentioned in the First Schedule to the Women'
Charter;
And whereas I am satisfied that the proposed marriage of the partie
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 th
marriage of the persons named in this licence to be solemnized.
Date
Ministe
Ministry of Social and Family Developmen
Singapore

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STATUTORY DECLARATION (Male Party)	STATUTORY DECLARATION (Female Party)	For Official Use only
I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the	I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the	Special Marriage Licence under Section 21
particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are true	particulars given in this Form A relating to myself are	Special Marriage Elcence under Section 21
and that further,	true and that further,	Whereas and desire to
and that further,	the and that further,	marry; and
(a) I am (select one)	(a) I am (select one)	whereas proof has been made by statutory declaration
		and there is no lawful impediment to the proposed
at least 21 years of age; OR	at least 21 years of age; OR	marriage;
		B-,
<ul> <li>below 21 years of age, but will attain</li> </ul>	□ below 21 years of age, but will	<ul> <li>and whereas the Minister is satisfied that</li> </ul>
21 years of age on; OR	attain 21 years of age on	consent required under section 13(1) of the
	; OR	Women's Charter has been obtained;
□ below 21 years of age and		
*divorced/a widower/have had my	below 21 years of age and	<ul> <li>and whereas the Minister is satisfied that the</li> </ul>
marriage declared null and void; OR	*divorced/a widow/have had my	consent of the General Division of the High
= halow 21 mans of any and have not	marriage declared null and void;	Court or a Family Court under
below 21 years of age and have not	OR	section 13(2)(b) or (3) of the Women's
been previously married, and the consent of the appropriate person in	below 21 years of age and have not	Charter has been given;
the Second Schedule to the Women's	been previously married, and the	
Charter *has been	consent of the appropriate person	<ul> <li>and whereas the Minister is satisfied that the</li> </ul>
obtained/dispensed with/the consent	in the Second Schedule to the	consent required under section 13(1) has
of the General Division of the High	Women's Charter *has been	been dispensed with under section $13(2)(a)$
Court or a Family Court has been	obtained/dispensed with/the	of the Women's Charter;
given in accordance with section 13	consent of the General Division	Now therefore the Minister in suspice of the new second
of the Women's Charter;	of the High Court or a Family	Now therefore the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 21 of the Women's
of the women's charter,	Court has been given in accordance	Charter:
(b) I am not below 18 years of age;	with section 13 of the Women's	Charter.
	Charter;	· dispenses with the giving of a notice of
(c) There is no lawful impediment to the marriage;	Charler,	marriage under section 14 of the Women's
	(b) I am not below 18 years of age;	Charter by the persons named in this licence;
(d) I am not married under any law, religion, custom		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
or usage to any person other than the person	(c) There is no lawful impediment to the marriage;	· dispenses with the issue of a marriage
whose name appears together with mine overleaf;		licence under section 17 of the Women's
	(d) I am not married under any law, religion,	Charter;
(e) I *am/am not a Singapore *citizen/permanent	custom or usage to any person other than the	
resident and	person whose name appears together with mine	<ul> <li>grants a special marriage licence authorising</li> </ul>
I *have been/have not been physically present in	overleaf;	the solemnization of a marriage between the
Singapore for at least 15 days preceding the date		parties named in this licence within one
of notice of marriage;	<ul> <li>(e) I *am/am not a Singapore *citizen/permanent resident and</li> </ul>	month from the date of this licence;
of notice of marriage,	resident and	- contractor de la contractor de contractor
(f) †I have attended and completed a marriage	I *have been/have not been physically present	<ul> <li>grants a special marriage licence authorising</li> </ul>
preparation programme;	in Singapore for at least 15 days preceding the	the solemnization of a marriage between the
	date of notice of marriage;	parties named in this licence within one month from the date of this licence
(g) †I am a divorcee. There *is/isn't a maintenance		notwithstanding that *is/are
order against me and I *owe/do not owe		below the age of 18 years.
		below the age of 18 years.

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maintenance arrears under the maintenance order;	<ul> <li>(f) †I have attended and completed a marriage preparation programme;</li> </ul>	Date Minister Ministry of Social and Family
(h) †I *have/have not been previously convicted of	(g) †I am a divorcee. There *is/isn't a maintenance	Development
either or both of the following offences:	order against me and I *owe/do not owe	
chuler of bour of the following offences.	maintenance arrears under the maintenance	Singapore
(i) an offence under section 57C(1) of		
	order;	
the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);		
	<ul><li>(h) †I *have/have not been previously convicted of</li></ul>	
(ii) an offence under section 6A of the	either or both of the following offences:	
Women's Charter or an offence		
under section 494 of the Penal	<li>(i) an offence under section 57C(1) of</li>	
Code (Cap. 224) as in force	the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);	
immediately before 1 January 2020.		
	(ii) an offence under section 6A of the	
And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Oaths	Women's Charter or an offence	
and Declarations Act (Cap. 211), and subject to the	under section 494 of the Penal	
penalties provided by that Act for the making of false	Code (Cap. 224) as in force	
statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously	immediately before 1 January	
believing the statements contained in the declaration to	2020.	
be true in every particular.		
*Signature/RTP of Declarant	And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Oaths	
Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/	and Declarations Act (Cap. 211), and subject to the	
language 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	
Declared before line at Singapore day of	believing the statements contained in the declaration to	
	be true in every particular.	
Commissioner for Oaths	*Signature/RTP of Declarant	
Commissioner for Oaths		
	Interpretation in *English/Mandarin/	
	language by to the Declarant.	
	Declared before me at Singapore day of	
	Commissioner for Oaths	

[S 1023/2020 wef 02/01/2021] [S 862/2019 wef 01/01/2020]

#### \*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

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#### FORM C

Rule 7(1)

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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) (NRIC No.) (Signature)				
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)

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THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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			
	(NRIC No.)		
and(Witness)	() (NRIC No.)		
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	arter (Registration of Marriages) t) Rules 1995
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 (Amendmen	narter (Registration of Marriages) t No. 2) Rules 1997
Date of commencement	: 1 May 1997
14. G. N. No. S 235/1998 — Women's Ch (Amendmen	narter (Registration of Marriages) t) Rules 1998
Date of commencement	: 15 April 1998
15. 1998 Revised Edition — Women's Cl Rules	narter (Registration of Marriages)
Date of operation	: 15 June 1998
16. G. N. No. S 219/1999 — Women's Ch (Amendmen	narter (Registration of Marriages) t) Rules 1999
Date of commencement	: 1 June 1999
17. G. N. No. S 141/2000 — Women's Ch (Amendmen	narter (Registration of Marriages) t) Rules 2000
Date of commencement	: 1 April 2000
18. G. N. No. S 433/2000 — Women's Ch (Amendmen	narter (Registration of Marriages) t No. 2) Rules 2000
Date of commencement	: 1 October 2000
19. G. N. No. S 198/2001 — Women's Ch (Amendmen	narter (Registration of Marriages) t) Rules 2001
Date of commencement	: 1 April 2001
20. G. N. No. S 598/2001 — Women's Ch (Amendmen	narter (Registration of Marriages) t No. 2) Rules 2001
Date of commencement	: 1 December 2001

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Date of operation	: 30 September 2002
	Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2002
Date of commencement	: 2 January 2003
	omen's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2003
Date of commencement	: 1 February 2003
	Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2005
Date of commencement	: 1 September 2005
	Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2010
Date of commencement	: 16 April 2010
	Vomen's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2011
Date of commencement	: 1 June 2011
	Vomen's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment No. 2) Rules 2011
Date of commencement	: 1 September 2011
	Vomen's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2012
Date of commencement	: 2 March 2012
	Vomen's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2016
Date of commencement	: 1 October 2016
	Vomen's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2017
Date of commencement	: 1 July 2017
	Vomenâs Charter (Registration of Marriages) Amendment) Rules 2019
Date of commencement	: 1 January 2020

#### 32. G.N. No. S 1023/2020 — Womenâ s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2020

Date of commencement

: 2 January 2021