

# 7 STEPS TO MARRY IN AUSTRALIA

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## Lodge A Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM)

- Download & Complete a [Notice of Intended Marriage \(NOIM\)](#).
- Sign it in the presence of an authorised witness (*Usually me but other options on the form & my webpage*)
- Hand it to me, your Celebrant, from one calendar month to eighteen months before the wedding date
- Fees will apply for this and for the ceremony.
- Celebrant gives you a Happily Before and After Pamphlet in your own language

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## Proof of Eligibility, Identity & Date/Place of Birth

- As your Celebrant I must see your original IDs (*passports, or birth cert & licence*) before the marriage ceremony
- If either of you have been married before, I also need to see original evidence (*in English*) that the previous marriage was terminated.

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## Prepare Ceremony Content

- I prepare your ceremony in consultation and collaboration with you adding in any rituals, readings, surprises or extras that you would like to include

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## Confirm Consent & Free intent

- I meet each party separately and in private to confirm informed consent and a free intention to marry.

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## Declaration of No Impediment to Marriage

- Each party signs a *Declaration of No Impediment to Marriage* in the presence of the of the Celebrant, as witness.
- We update any information e.g. change of address etc.

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## Ceremony

- If all is in order, we joyfully proceed with the Ceremony.
- You must have two witnesses, over 18 years, who understand the ceremony
- After Solemnisation, you receive an official and uniquely numbered Marriage Certificate as proof of marriage.

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## Registration of Marriage

- I register your marriage
- You have the option to purchase a *BDM Registry Certificate of Marriage* which is both proof of marriage & proof of identity

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