

Civil Marriage Ceremony – Option #1

THE PURPOSE

OFFICIANT:

We are gathered together to witness the formal joining of _____ and _____ in legal matrimony under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Marriage is not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted.

Therefore, if there is any one present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

OFFICIANT (To each participant in turn):

I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I _____ may not be joined in matrimony to _____.

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

OFFICIANT (To each participant in turn):

Would you please face each other and join hands.

Please repeat after me:

I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I _____ do take you _____ to be my Lawful wedded (wife/husband/spouse/partner).

**Personal vows exchanged (if applicable).*

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

**The exchange of rings is optional in any ceremony.*

OFFICIANT (To each participant in turn):

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your life together.

Please place the ring on _____'s finger, hold it there and say these words to him/her/them:

This ring I give in token of the covenant made this day between us. It is a symbol of the value of my love for you.

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PRONOUNCEMENT

OFFICIANT:

_____ and _____ have pledged themselves to each other and have declared this symbolically by their vows and exchange of rings.

I, _____, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you _____ and _____ to be (husband and wife/partners in life/married).

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.

SERVICE CONCLUSION

OFFICIANT:

_____, I wish you a long life, happiness and prosperity.
May the vows that you made to each other today sustain you forever.

Distinguished guests, may I introduce to you the happy couple.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTRAR

OFFICIANT:

At this time, the wedded parties and their witnesses will sign the Official Marriage Register.

****Bolded text is mandatory.***