

The practical guide for celebrating your wedding

Celebrating your wedding before a notary is an alternative to a traditional wedding officiated by a religious minister or a civil officer.

1.) The administrative aspect of the celebration

At the first appointment, you must bring several documents to the notary: your birth certificates, two pieces of photo identification for each of the future spouses, the divorce certificate if one of you is divorced, or the death certificate if one of you is widowed.

The notary will explain the legal implications of marriage and advise you on the choice of the matrimonial regime (the different regimes are explained in detail in our guide, «The Practical Guide

to Choosing Your Matrimonial Regime.» which is also available on our website).

The notary will also issue a marriage notice. This notice must be published on the Directeur de l'État civil's website at least 20 days before the date of the celebration and no more than 3 months before.

This notice contains several pieces of information that you must provide to the notary, listed below:

Personal Information | Partner 1:

SECTION «A» PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO PARTNER 1

01. Last Name		02. First Name(s) (underline the most commonly used)	
03. Current Address (No, Street, Apt., City, Province, Country)			Postal Code
Home Phone	Office Phone	04. Occupation	
05. Marital Status:		Single	Widowed
		Divorced	Civilly Annulled Marriage
		Separated	Minor
06. Place of Birth (City, Province, Country)		07. Place of Registration or Registration No. (Parish, Municipality, Province, or Country)	
08. Nationality:		Canadian	Other (specify) _____
		By Birth	By Naturalization
		Date of Birth _____/_____/_____ Year Month Day	
09. Entry into Canada _____/_____/_____ Year Month Day		10. Mother Tongue	Date of Naturalization _____/_____/_____ Year Month Day
11. Relationship to the Future Spouse None or (specify) _____		12. In which language do you wish your marriage to be celebrated French English	
13. Address after Marriage (No, Street, Apt., City, Province, Country)			Postal Code

Parent 1	14. Last Name and First Name(s) at Birth	15. Place of Birth (City, Province, Country)
Parent 2	16. Last Name and First Name(s) at Birth	17. Place of Birth (City, Province, Country)

SECTION «B» TO BE FILLED OUT IF PARTNER 1 IS WIDOWED

18. Last Name and First Name(s) of Deceased Partner	
19. Place of Burial of Deceased Partner (City, Province, Country)	_____/_____/_____ Year Month Day

SECTION «C» TO BE FILLED OUT IF PARTNER 1 IS DIVORCED

20. Last Name and First Name(s) of Divorced Partner	
21. Place of Irrevocable Divorce Judgment or Issuance of Divorce Certificate (City, Province, Country)	_____/_____/_____ Year Month Day

SECTION «D» TO BE FILLED OUT IF PARTNER 1 IS SEPARATED BY COURT ORDER

22. Last Name and First Name(s) of Separated Partner	
23. Place of Judgment (City, Province, Country)	_____/_____/_____ Year Month Day

SECTION «E» TO BE FILLED OUT IF PARTNER 1 IS SEPARATED BY NOTARIZED JOINT DECLARATION

24. Last Name and First Name(s) of Separated Partner	
25. Name of Notary Receiving the Declaration	26. Minute No. _____/_____/_____ Year Month Day

SECTION «F» TO BE FILLED OUT IF PARTNER 1 IS A MINOR

27. Last Name and First Name(s) of Holders of Parental Authority	
28. Address of Holders of Parental Authority Mother Father (Check if same)	
29. If the parents are unable to give their consent, the minor must obtain the consent of their guardian.	Name _____ Address _____
30. First & Last Name(s) of the Witness to the Publication	32. First & Last Name(s) of the Witness to the Celebration
31. Address (No. Street, Apt., City, Province, Country)	33. Address (No. Street, Apt., City, Province, Country)

Personal Information | Partner 2:

SECTION «A» PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO PARTNER 2

01. Last Name		02. First Name(s) (underline the most commonly used)	
03. Current Address (No. Street, Apt., City, Province, Country)			Postal Code
Home Phone	Office Phone	04. Occupation	
05. Marital Status: Single Widowed Divorced Civilly Annulled Marriage Separated		Minor	
06. Place of Birth (City, Province, Country)		07. Place of Registration or Registration No. (Parish, Municipality, Province, or Country)	
08. Nationality: Canadian Other (specify) _____ By Birth By Naturalization		Date of Birth ____/____/____ Year Month Day	
09. Entry into Canada ____/____/____ Year Month Day		10. Mother Tongue	Date of Naturalization ____/____/____ Year Month Day
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18. Last Name and First Name(s) of Deceased Partner	
19. Place of Burial of Deceased Partner (City, Province, Country)	_____/_____/_____ Year Month Day

SECTION «C» TO BE FILLED OUT IF PARTNER 2 IS DIVORCED

20. Last Name and First Name(s) of Divorced Partner	
21. Place of Irrevocable Divorce Judgment or Issuance of Divorce Certificate (City, Province, Country)	_____/_____/_____ Year Month Day

SECTION «D» TO BE FILLED OUT IF PARTNER 2 IS SEPARATED BY COURT ORDER

22. Last Name and First Name(s) of Separated Partner	
23. Place of Judgment (City, Province, Country)	_____/_____/_____ Year Month Day

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2.) The Celebration

The celebration of your marriage before a notary is an alternative to a traditional wedding conducted by a religious officiant or a civil registrar. The notary can personalize the ceremony to reflect the couple's preferences and inform them about the legal implications of marriage.

- » Welcome speech by the notary
- » **Introduction:** a text written by you and read by the notary (how you met, your story, etc.) [Community of property | Éducaloi \(educaloi.qc.ca\)](http://Community of property | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca))
- » Reading of the mandatory legal texts by the notary
- » **Love testimonials by the future spouses (optional)**
- » **Vows by the future partner**
- » **Exchange of rings**
- » **Signing of the registers**
- » **Closing remarks by the notary**

SECTION « A » WITNESSES

1. Last Name and First Name(s) of the Witness of Spouse no. 1
2. Last Name and First Name(s) of the Witness of Spouse no. 2

SECTION « B » PLACE AND DATE

3. Place of the Marriage (City, Province, Country)	_____/_____/_____ Year Month Day
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