

## Before you get married...

You need to check that the person performing your marriage ceremony is an authorized officiant. It is important to ensure that your marriage is performed properly and legally.



### Who can perform a legal marriage in Ontario



- A religious officiant registered under the *Marriage Act* to perform religious marriages in Ontario;
- A person who belongs to a band, First Nation, Métis or Inuit organization or community or Indigenous entity, and is registered under the *Marriage Act* to perform marriages in Ontario; or
- A judge, case management master, justice of the peace, or a municipal clerk and/or their delegate authorized to perform civil marriages in Ontario.

Only persons noted above are authorized to perform a marriage in Ontario.



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Find out if a person performing your marriage is an authorized officiant.

#### Registered Officiant:

- Check online at [ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried](https://www.serviceontario.ca/GettingMarried) to access the lists of registered officiants authorized to perform marriages in Ontario or call ServiceOntario at 1-800-461-2156 (outside of Toronto but within North America); 416-325-8305 (in Toronto or outside of North America); TTY: 416-325-3408.

#### Ontario Municipal Clerk/Delegate:

- Contact your local city hall, town hall or municipal office to determine whether they provide civil marriage services and if so, who can perform a marriage.

#### Judge, Case Management Master, Justice of the Peace:

- Judge appointed by the federal government or a provincial/territorial government to any court in Canada.
- Case management master appointed under Ontario's *Courts of Justice Act*.
- Justice of the peace appointed under Ontario's *Justices of the Peace Act*.

Visit [ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried](https://www.serviceontario.ca/GettingMarried) for more information.