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Application to shorten period of notice of intent to marry

Eligibility

The Registry can only consider your application if your reason for shortening falls within one of the five categories listed in Part One. You must provide evidence of your claims in order to have your application considered.

Unsuccessful applications

Your application may be unsuccessful if:

- your reason for shortening does not fall in one of the five categories listed in Part One
- you do not satisfactorily complete the Statutory Declaration in Part One. Make sure you sign and date the Statutory Declaration in front of an eligible witness, as listed on this form; make sure the witness also signs and dates the Statutory Declaration
- you do not provide supporting documentation as evidence of your reason for shortening
- you do not provide your completed Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM). You must have already lodged this NOIM with your chosen celebrant. You must also provide all supporting documents you presented to your celebrant, e.g. birth certificates, foreign passports (only if born overseas) and divorce or death certificates (if applicable). Any documents written in a language other than English must be translated into English by an accredited translator
- the Registrar is not satisfied with the information supplied.

Fees

A fee of \$46.00 must be paid when submitting this form. This fee is non-refundable, regardless of the outcome of your application.

Instructions

- Write clearly using blue or black ink and BLOCK letters.
- Do not use white out.
- Keep each number, letter or X within the boxes.
- Press firmly when writing.
- Leave answer boxes blank where you have no response or date to enter.

PART ONE – Reason for shortening

Shortening of the statutory period of notice under the *Marriage Act 1961 (Cth)* can only be granted in extraordinary circumstances, as outlined in Schedule 1B of the *Marriage Regulations 1963 (Cth)*.

1. Which category best applies to your circumstances?

- Employment-related or other travel commitments
- Wedding or celebration arrangements, or religious considerations
- Medical reasons
- Legal proceedings
- Error in giving notice

Note. You must attach documents as evidence of your reason for shortening, such as letters of employment, travel documents, airline tickets, receipts of payment, letters from medical practitioners, court orders or letters from authorised celebrants.

2. Statutory declaration

State of Victoria – Evidence Act 1958

I, _____,
[Groom's full name]

of _____,
[Groom's residential address]

[Groom's occupation]

and I, _____,
[Bride's full name]

of _____,
[Bride's residential address]

[Bride's occupation]

do solemnly and sincerely declare that we are requesting a shortening of the statutory period of notice for lodging an intention to marry (one month) because:

Multiple horizontal lines for providing reasons for shortening the notice period.

We acknowledge that this declaration is true and correct, and we make it with the understanding and belief that a person who makes a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Declared at _____ in the State of Victoria,
this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature of Groom making this declaration
[to be signed in front of an authorised witness]

and

Signature of Bride making this declaration
[to be signed in front of an authorised witness]

Before me, _____
Signature of authorised witness

Full name of authorised witness

Title of authorised witness

Address of authorised witness

The authorised witness must print or stamp his or her name, address, and title under section 107A of the Evidence Act 1958 [Vic.]

