

a day to remember

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Your ceremony at a religious building in Westminster



City of Westminster

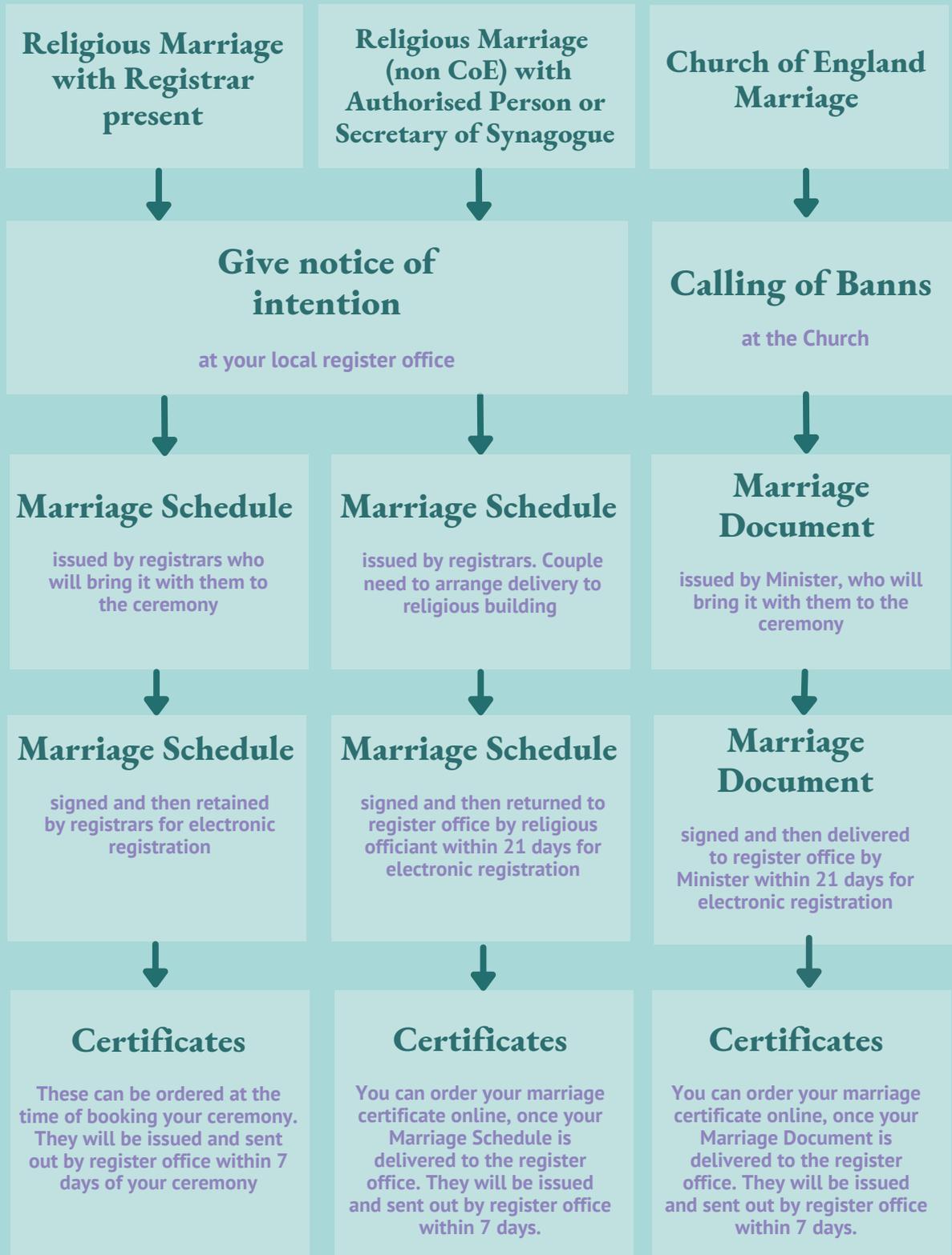
A religious wedding can take place at any registered religious building.

Same-sex couples can get married in a religious building if it has been registered for the marriage of same-sex couples. You cannot get married in an Anglican (CoE) church as a same-sex couple.

An authorised person, such as a religious minister, must attend the ceremony and sign the ‘marriage schedule’ or ‘marriage document’. Check with the venue if there is an authorised person. If not, you’ll need to book a registrar to attend.

Please see the chart below for details of the registration process.

THE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION PROCESS





Westminster Abbey

Getting married in the Church of England

For those couples getting married in a Church of England in Westminster, the Minister at the church where your wedding will take place will provide a Marriage Document for you to sign at the end of the ceremony.

This Marriage Document will need to be delivered to us at the Register Office, after your wedding to allow us to register the marriage and issue you with your marriage certificates. Please make arrangements with the Minister for delivery of the original Marriage Document to us for registration. Certificates can then be ordered online (see below for details) and will be issued within 7 days of receiving the Marriage Document. There may be some circumstances where those marrying in a Church of England are required to give notice of intention to marry, rather than having Banns called. Your Minister will be able to advise you of this. In these circumstances you will need to follow the process for getting married in another religious building.



Westminster Synagogue

Getting married in another religious building

For those couples getting married in a religious ceremony at a non Church of England church or other religious venue in Westminster, you will need to make arrangements with us for the delivery of the Marriage Schedule to your religious officiant (unless registrars are booked to attend the ceremony).

Following the marriage, the Schedule will need to be delivered to us at the Register Office, to allow us to register the marriage and issue you with your marriage certificates. Please make arrangements with your religious officiant for the Schedule to be returned to us for registration. Certificates can then be ordered online (see below for details) and will be issued within 7 days of receiving the Marriage Schedule



Aghia Sophia Greek Cathedral,



Westminster Cathedral



Russian Orthodox Cathedral,
Ennismore Gardens



Give your notice of intention to marry

It is a legal requirement that all couples getting married attend notice of intention to marry appointments – unless Banns are being read in the Church of England. You need to do this in your local register office, even if your venue is not in your local area.



Your notice of intention needs to be given at least 28 days before your ceremony. If you or your partner are not relevant nationals, your notice period can be extended to 71 days, so you will need to give notice at least 71 days before your ceremony. A relevant national is someone who is either British, Irish, or has either pre-settled status, settled status, or is awaiting the outcome of their EUSS application.



If you are planning on marrying within the Church of England and one or both of you are not relevant nationals, you will both need to give notice of intention at a register office. Please confirm with the church that you meet their requirements before giving notice. In some circumstances, we will require a letter of consent and clarification from the church to be brought with you to your notice appointment.



Those wishing to have a Jewish ceremony are also required to give notice of intention. If you are planning on marrying in a place of worship that is not a synagogue or part of the Church of England, please make initial enquiries with that religious venue.



If a registrar is not attending your ceremony, you will need to arrange to collect a marriage schedule for the ceremony to take place. To make arrangements for this, the registration team can be contacted via email at religiousbuildings@westminster.gov.uk



Contact us



westminster.gov.uk/registrar/contact



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