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Giving notice

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Notice of marriage

- Before you can marry or form a civil partnership, you must give notice of your intention to do this
- You give notice at the Register Office in the district where you live
- If one or both parties is a foreign national you must give notice together
- You will need to provide original documents at the appointment to prove name, age, nationality, address and marital status, a full list of documents is attached on the link below.
- You can give notice up to 12 months before the ceremony date. At the moment we advise that 6 months before is sufficient
- Once notice is given you need to wait 28 clear days before your marriage or civil partnership can take place
- The schedule is only valid for the venue stated on it, and the ceremony must take place within 12 months of the date you gave notice

Documents required to give notice of a marriage or civil partnership if you are a relevant national

If one or both of you are an EU National without EUSS settled, pre-settled or pending status or are a foreign national who holds ILR or ILE, has the appropriate marriage or fiancé/e visa or is subject to other immigration control. Please contact us by email: <u>ceremonies@blackpool.gov.uk</u> for a full list of documents required.

Notice fees

- The fee is £35 each for British, Irish, EU Nationals with EUSS settled, pre-settled or pending status and also for foreign nationals with right of abode, those with military or diplomatic exemption, those with ILR or ILE and those with the appropriate marriage or fiancé/e visa
- The fee is £47 each for foreign nationals without the required immigration status and their partner (whether they are British or not)
- The payment made at the time of booking is a booking fee, provided you attend your appointment this fee will be used to cover the cost of your appointment. The booking fee is non-refundable
- The total chargeable fee to book this appointment will be £35 or £47 each. This must be paid by debit or credit card to complete your booking. There may also be additional charges made at your appointment
- Any change made to an appointment with less than 2 working days notice, will require a fresh appointment to be made and the full appointment fees charged
- If you do not attend with the correct documents or without an interpreter when one is needed, the fee will not be refunded, and you will have to book another appointment and pay the fee again

Please arrive 5 minutes before the start time of your appointment, if you arrive late, you will not be seen, and no refund will be given. You will have to book another appointment and pay the fee again.

Where to give notice

If you live in Blackpool and pay your Council Tax to Blackpool Council you will give notice at Blackpool Register Office.

- You need to make an appointment at:
 - The Wedding Chapel, Promenade, Blackpool FY1 1AP
 - $\circ~$ Appointments are usually held on a Tuesday and Thursday
 - To make an appointment telephone us on 01253 477177 or email us on ceremonies@blackpool.gov.uk
- If you reside outside of Blackpool (but within England and Wales), use this search facility to find your local registration service

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- You can give notice in the registration district where either party resides, however both parties must attend together
- If one of you lives in Blackpool (and the residence's owner pays their Council Tax to Blackpool Council) you can make an appointment at:
 - The Wedding Chapel, Promenade, Blackpool. FY1 1AP
 - Appointments are usually held on a Tuesday and Thursday
 - To make an appointment telephone us on 01253 477177 or email us on ceremonies@blackpool.gov.uk
- You can also choose to attend together in the registration district where the other party lives. Use this search facility to find your <u>local registration service</u>

If you can't get through on our telephone phone number 01253 477177 it may be because our staff are dealing with customers in person. If you email <u>ceremonies@blackpool.gov.uk</u> and provide your phone number along with details of your enquiry someone will call you back as soon as they are able to.

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