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# Weddings and Civil Partnerships

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Our office continues to be extremely busy with high levels of demand. You may find it difficult to get through on our phone number 01253 477177. We encourage you to make initial contact via email on [ceremonies@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:ceremonies@blackpool.gov.uk)

## General information on booking a civil ceremony

Once you have decided to marry or form a civil partnership, you need to decide if you want a civil (non-religious) or religious ceremony. If you require a religious ceremony, see the link on the left.

## Civil ceremonies at district register offices or approved premises

You may marry or enter into a partnership by civil ceremony at any register office or an approved premise in England and Wales which is licensed to do so. A civil marriage or partnership ceremony cannot contain any religious content.

- Couples do not have to live in the district where the marriage or partnership is to take place but the notice of marriage or civil partnership must be given at the register office in their district of residence
- Enquiries should be made to the chosen venue for availability first
- Once notice has taken place you must wait at least 28 clear days before your ceremony can take place, some Non-British nationals may have to wait up to 70 clear days before the ceremony can take place.
- The notice of marriage or civil partnership is valid for 12 months from the date notice is given and can only be used at the venue stated

If you want to arrange a civil ceremony in Blackpool, look at our [wedding venues](#)

If you want to arrange a ceremony in a venue outside of Blackpool, look at the [civil marriages and partnerships: approved premises list](#) which covers the whole of England and Wales.

## The Wedding Chapel (Festival House)

The Wedding Chapel (or Festival House) on Blackpool's promenade is run by Blackpool Registration Service and is able to offer small ceremonies (the couple and two witnesses - Monday morning only) and has two approved premises (the Tower View Room with a stunning view of the iconic Blackpool Tower and the Sea View Room which has views of the beach and sea.

For more information and to enquire about marrying or forming a civil partnership there, click on [The Wedding Chapel](#) page.

## Contact

**Blackpool Council registration service**

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