

Submission to the Attorney-General's Department

Ongoing Professional Development for Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrants and Guidelines on Conflict of Interest and Benefit to Business for Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrants DISCUSSION PAPER – NOVEMBER 2016

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Your submission

Hello my name is Debra Rossen and my application for Civil Celebrant is currently in process. Here are some thoughts on the subject. I hope they help. I think, ongoing education should be completed by the end of the financial year (June), or when annual registration fees are due. It would make it easier, especially if anyone is seeking an exemption. They will have plenty of time to submit it, and to receive an answer. Due to the small request to comply with only 5 hours of continuing education a year, there needs to be a very good excuse to request an exemption or an extension.

I think a computer service portal should be used for nearly all continuing education needs, as this will put all information in one place. It would only take a quick check to see who has and hasn't complied with annual ongoing education requirements. Celebrants can be contacted and disciplined etc., if required. The computer can present any changes in policy and law. A choice of different areas of Civil service for study can be chosen, such as, Funerals or Marriages etc.. The computer can present tutorials, and provide multi questions with tick answers after it. If answers are wrong, the computer will request a redo of the tutorial and test. Tutorials will provide a time of completion that can be added to the 5 hours of continuing education. There would also be an allotted amount of time, performing self-initiated, ongoing and relevant education. This can be randomly checked at any time.