

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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Active celebrants are allowed to expand their business by being a trainer with an RTO for OPD and Cert iv. (Benefit to business?)

Many Celebrants have a diverse number of skills, and, subject to retaining complete compliance and integrity to ceremony, should have the opportunity to utilise those skills.

I believe that all couples must have the right of choice. Whether it be having a celebrant as only that, or choosing to utilise them for additional functions. eg. MC, entertainment.. This can also equate to cost savings for the couple.

In my experience, couples choose me as their Celebrant for many reasons, including compatibility.

It makes sense that if I have the skills, this compatibility should be able to carry through to their celebrations, if requested.

Am I to do another 5 hrs for free?

Do I say no and tell them to find and pay others?

As mentioned earlier, they must have choice. Not locked in to all or nothing packages.