



Application for Registration as a Marriage Celebrant - Referee Report Template

Applicant's name: _____

Referee's name: _____

Referee's email: _____

Referee's phone number: _____

Referee's signature: _____

Date of report: _____

Important Information

As part of the application process to be registered as a marriage celebrant, the Registrar of Marriage Celebrants requires applicants to provide three referee reports. These reports provide information that is important in the assessment of the applicant as a fit and proper person to be a marriage celebrant.

If you are asked to provide a referee report, you should have known the applicant for at least two years, and should not be a member of the applicant's family. Your report should address all the topics set out below. Your report should be in your own words.

If you are unsure of any of the topics, you should discuss them fully with the applicant. You may be contacted by the Marriage Law and Celebrants Section if further information is required.

If you need more space, please attach additional pages.

1. The length and nature of the applicant's relationship with you

- I have known the applicant for more than two years
- I am not a member of the applicant's family

General comments about the length and nature of your relationship with the applicant:

2. The applicant's commitment to the central importance of the institution of marriage in society

Note: Your comments should focus on whether, in your opinion, the applicant is committed to marriage as an institution in society. Your comments should go beyond the applicant's personal commitment to his or her own marriage and/or commitment to becoming a marriage celebrant.

3. The applicant's knowledge of the availability of relationship support services in their region

Note: Your comments should indicate whether or not you feel that the applicant has knowledge of the relationship support services in his or her area. You should also comment on the applicant's understanding of those services.

4. The applicant's commitment to advising all prospective couples about these relationship support services in their region

Note: Your comments should focus on whether or not you feel that the applicant would be committed to informing any couples he or she may marry in future about the available relationship support services (should the applicant be registered as a marriage celebrant).

5. The applicant's standing in the community (including his or her involvement in the community through professional or volunteer activities)

Note: You should clearly state what community or volunteer activities the applicant is currently or has previously, been involved in.

6. The applicant's personal integrity and ethical standards

Note: Your comments should focus on whether, in your opinion, the applicant has integrity and ethical standards.

7. Any other qualities or attributes that the applicant has that would support their application for registration as a marriage celebrant