



Proposed Marriage of Divorced Persons

Application for Permission to Remarry

Guide for Clergy

- All proposed marriages of divorced people must be reported to the Bishop before firm arrangements are made for the marriage service, but after decree absolute has been granted.
- This form has two purposes:
= to enable issues to be clarified for the couple and the celebrant; and
= to enable the Bishop to consider a response to the couple.
- The celebrant should provide enough accurate information to meet these two purposes. It is not appropriate to include information concerning the breakdown of a previous relationship unless pastoral issues need to be addressed in making a decision or in writing to the couple.
- The principles of providing pastoral care and incorporating a couple into the worshipping life of the church should apply to all marriages. It should be noted that many first marriages have been preceded by other long term relationships giving rise to issues similar to those arising from divorce.
- Australian Anglican Canon Law provides that no minister may be required to solemnise the marriage of divorced persons.

Name of Celebrant: _____

Parish or Ministry of Celebrant: _____

Place of Marriage: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

	THE MAN	THE WOMAN
Surname:		
Forenames:		
Christian Name to be used:		
Address:		
Marital Status:		
Date of Birth:		
Children: (Christian name and age)		
Custody/access arrangements:		
Date of decree absolute:		
Church Affiliation:		

Describe the pastoral issues which may most affect the proposed marriage. Do the couple or the church need to respond more fully to these issues?

Describe what marriage preparation is being proposed or arranged.

Ongoing pastoral care of the couple may not be possible. Are there any recommendations that can be made?

Clergyperson's assessment of the relationship and recommendation:

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____