



CIVIL CEREMONY SCRIPT

Officiant:

We are gathered here today to witness and to celebrate the marriage of **Applicant 1** and **Applicant 2** to be with them as they pledge themselves to each other. Their's is a partnership freely chosen and founded on love, friendship, trust and respect. It is a partnership that encourages not only self-expression, understanding and the development of wisdom through the sharing of knowledge, but also an enthusiasm for life and living. It must be done with respect, consideration and a deep and gentle caring for one another.

By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other, and you support their decision to commit themselves to one another for the rest of their lives.

Officiant to Applicant 1:

You have chosen **Applicant 2** to be your life partner. Will you love and respect them? Will you be honest with them always? Will you stand by them through whatever may come?

Applicant 1: I will.

Officiant to Applicant 2:

You have chosen **Applicant 1** to be your life partner. Will you love and respect them? Will you be honest with them always? Will you stand by them through whatever may come?

Applicant 2: I will.

Officiant:

And do you both promise to make the necessary adjustments in your personal lives so that you may live in a harmonious relationship together?

Applicant 1 & Applicant 2: We do.

Officiant to Applicant 1:

Please repeat after me: "I, **Applicant 1**, do solemnly declare / that I do not know / of any lawful impediment / why I may not be joined in matrimony / to **Applicant 2.**"

Officiant to Applicant 2:

Please repeat after me: "I, **Applicant 2**, do solemnly declare / that I do not know / of any lawful impediment / why I may not be joined in matrimony / to **Applicant 1.**"

Officiant: **Applicant 1** and **Applicant 2**, now we come to your vows. May I remind you that saying your vows here today is one thing, but nothing is more challenging than living them day by day.

Officiant to Applicant 1:

Please repeat after me: I call upon these persons here present / to witness that I, **Applicant 1**, / do take you, **Applicant 2**, / to be my lawful wedded spouse.



Officiant to Applicant 2:

Please repeat after me: **I call upon these persons here present / to witness that I, Applicant 2, / do take you, Applicant 1, / to be my lawful wedded spouse.**

Officiant:

Applicant 1 and **Applicant 2** will now exchange the personal vows they have prepared for each other.

(Personal Vows)

The Giving and Receiving of Rings

Officiant: Please present the rings you will be exchanging as symbols of your love and commitment.

Officiant to Applicant 1:

Please repeat after me: "**Applicant 2**, I give you this ring / that you may wear it / as a symbol of the vows we have made this day. / I pledge you my love and respect, / my laughter and tears / and with all that I am, I honour you."

Officiant to Applicant 2:

Please repeat after me: "**Applicant 1**, I give you this ring / that you may wear it / as a symbol of the vows we have made this day. / I pledge you my love and respect, / my laughter and tears / and with all that I am, I honour you."

Officiant:

Now may those who wear these rings live in love all of their lives. Now may the love which has brought you together continue to grow and enrich your lives. May you continue to meet with courage any problems that may arise to challenge you. May your relationship always be one of love and trust. May the happiness that you share today be with you always and may everything that you have said and done here today become a living truth in your lives.

Applicant 1 and **Applicant 2**, we have heard your promise to share your lives in marriage. We recognize and respect the covenant you have made here this day before each one of us as witnesses. Therefore, in the honesty and sincerity of what you have said and done here today **I, _____, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 to be married** and partners in life for life. You may now seal your vows with a kiss.