

## Before you get married...

You need to check that the person performing your marriage ceremony is an authorized official. It is important to ensure that your marriage is performed properly and legally.



### Who can perform a legal marriage in Ontario



- A **religious marriage ceremony** may be performed by a person who is registered under the Marriage Act to perform religious marriages in Ontario (religious official).
- A **civil marriage ceremony** may be performed by a judge, a justice of the peace, or a municipal clerk and/or their delegate.

Only persons noted above are authorized to perform a marriage in Ontario.



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#### Religious Official:

- Check online at [ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried](http://ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried) to access lists of religious officials who are registered to perform marriages. Call ServiceOntario at 1-800-461-2156 (areas outside Toronto) or 416-325-8305.

#### Ontario Municipal Clerk/Delegate:

- Contact your local city hall, town hall or municipal office to determine whether they provide civil marriage services and if so, who can perform a marriage.

#### Judge/Justice of the Peace:

- Judge: must be an Ontario provincial judge or a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
- Justice of the Peace: must be a justice of the peace under Ontario's Justices of the Peace Act.

Visit [ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried](http://ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried) for more information.

