

**DECLARATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MARRIAGE**

[Section 12 (b) of the Marriage Act, 1961]

- Note:**
- (a) Marriage officers should note that section 12 (a) of the Marriage Act provides that if an identity document has been issued to a prospective husband/wife such identity document must be requested by the marriage officer for perusal.
  - (b) This declaration must therefore only be completed by a prospective husband/wife who is not in possession of an identity document referred to in the Identification Act, 1997.
  - (c) PRINT CLEARLY USING BLACK INK.

**A. Particulars of applicant:**

- 1. Surname.....
- 2. Maiden name .....
- 3. Forenames in full.....
- 4. Date of birth ..... 5. Country of birth .....
- 6. Marital status (e.g. bachelor, spinster, widower, widow or divorcee, as the case may be) .....
- 7. Gender .....
- 8. Permanent residential address .....
- 9. If not a South African citizen, residential status in Republic (quote Immigration Permit or Temporary Residence Permit No. and date of issue) .....

**NB: An alien who is illegally in the country or who is a prohibited person or who resides temporarily in the Republic, must please note that he or she will not acquire a right to permanent residence in the Republic merely as a result of his or her marriage to a South African citizen or a permanent resident—see section 25 of the Aliens Control Act, 1991.**

**B. Particulars of prospective \*husband/wife:**

- 10. Surname.....
- 11. Maiden name .....
- 12. Forenames in full.....
- 13. Date of birth.....

I \*declare under oath/solemnly declare that the particulars given above are to the best of my knowledge and belief true and correct and that there is no lawful impediment to our prospective marriage.

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*Date*

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*Signature*

\* Delete whichever is not applicable.

**C. Declaration:**

I certify that before administering the prescribed oath/solemn declaration I asked the deponent the following questions and wrote down his/her answer in his/her presence:

- (1) Do you know and understand the contents of the above declaration?

Answer.....

- (2) Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?

Answer.....

- (3) Do you consider the prescribed oath/solemn declaration to be binding on your conscience?

Answer.....

I certify that the deponent has acknowledged, that he/she knows and understands the contents of the above declaration which was sworn to/affirmed before me and that the deponent's signature/thumb print/mark was placed thereon in my presence.

I also certify that the contents of paragraph 9 were properly explained to the deponent who acknowledged that he or she understands the implications thereof.

Signed .....  
*Commissioner of Oaths*

Forename(s) and surname.....

Address.....

Designation (Rank) ..... Date.....