

Changes to Marriage Registration from 4th May 2021 - compulsory training

Here are some practical insights and information.

Accessing the online training

Some are having issues with access, so the General Register Office (GRO) has now included an email address on the site if you are having difficulties.

Sharing the training with Parish Administrators/ Churchwardens

Clergy may share the link to the online training with parish administrators – and it should be shared with churchwardens where the parish or benefice is in vacancy.

Register of Marriage Services

Churches will need a new Register of Marriage Services which is now available to pre-order via [this link](#).

Obtaining the Marriage Document

The GRO will be sending out very clear information about the marriage document and where clergy can get it from. The free on-line admin tool provided by the Church of England www.lifeeventsdiary.org will be updated to enable printing of the marriage document after 4th May.

Charge for Marriage Certificate

From 4th May, Marriage Certificates will be issued by the Register Office and not the church, so couples should no longer be charged for a certificate. The Fees table, fees form and fees information for couples will be updated to reflect this change.

Please continue to raise any questions via Life.Events@churchofengland.org and we will liaise with the GRO.

Thank you again for your help in preparing all clergy and PTOs for these significant changes.