



Registering your marriage with the Registrar

Civil marriages at a district register office or approved premises

You may marry by civil ceremony at ANY register office or other building approved for civil marriages in England and Wales. A civil marriage ceremony cannot have any religious content at Blackburn with Darwen register office you have a choice of 5 ceremonies with the option to personalise your ceremony with non-religious readings.

Couples do not have to live in the district where the marriage is to take place but the legal preliminaries, formal notice of marriage, must be given to the Superintendent Registrar for each party in their district(s) of residence, unless one or both parties are Non EEA nationals where the couple must attend a designated register office together to attest the notice of marriage before a Superintendent Registrar. Blackburn with Darwen Register Office is a designated office.

Application should be made to the chosen venue for availability before the formal notices of marriage can be taken.

Once formal notice has taken place you must wait 28 clear days before you register your marriage. In certain circumstances for Non EEA nationals this waiting period may be extended to 70 days on the instruction of the Home Office.

Please note that a notice of marriage is only valid for 12 months from the date of the notice.

If you want to arrange a civil ceremony in Blackburn in Darwen or wish to book a registrar to attend a marriage in a religious building in Blackburn with Darwen please contact:

Mail The Register Office, Town Hall, Blackburn. BB1 7DY

Phone Number(s) 01254 588660

Fax Number(s) 01254 588661

E-mail registrars@blackburn.gov.uk

Marriage of same sex couples

Convert your civil partnership to marriage

With effect from Wednesday 10 December 2014 you will be able to convert your civil partnership to marriage.

The conversion into marriage will only be available for couples who registered their civil partnership in England and Wales, or overseas in a consulate or armed forces base (where the civil partnership was registered according to the laws of England and Wales).

The single stage process

You must both attend an appointment in person, at any register office to complete a declaration.

- You will need to provide proof of identity and of your civil partnership registration.
- The conversion happens when a couple signs a declaration that they've not dissolved their civil
- The declaration must be signed at the register office.
- The conversion will be registered and a marriage certificate issued.

The two stage process

You must both attend an appointment in person at any register office to provide the same information as above and to complete a declaration – a statutory fee is payable to the registrar for this service. The signing of the declaration and a celebratory ceremony can then take at a venue that is registered for civil marriage or a religious building that is registered for marriage (same sex couple) within England or Wales. The declaration must be signed within 12 months from the date the declaration is completed.

Fees

There will be no fee to pay if you registered your civil partnership before Saturday 29 March 2014 (before you had the opportunity to marry). This free conversion is available until Wednesday 9 December 2015. After this a statutory fee will be payable for all couples.

To book an appointment for your civil partnership conversion or for more information please telephone 01254 588660 or email registers@blackburn.gov.uk

Registrar's fees

Certificates

Registrar

Birth, death or marriage

- At the time of registration £4.00
- After the time of registration £7

Civil partnership registrar

Civil partnership

- At the time of registration £4
- After the time of registration £10

Civil partnership conversion to marriage

- At time of registration: £4
- After the time of registration: £10

Superintendent registrar

All certificates issued by the Superintendent registrar are £10

Express service

- Certificates issued within 24 hours: £20
- Certificates issued within 3 working days: £10

Marriages, civil partnerships, naming/renewal of vows ceremonies and civil partnership conversion to marriage

- Ceremony booking fee £50.00 – this fee is non refundable
- Appointment to give notice of marriage or civil partnership £35 per person – this fee is payable when the appointment is booked and is non refundable

- Additional fee of £12 per person if your notice of marriage or civil partnership is referred to the Home Office – this fee is payable at the appointment
- Registration of a marriage or signing the civil partnership schedule at the register office Blackburn £46
- Civil partnership conversion to marriage: £45
- Pre Ceremony Interview £25 for a 30 minute appointment
- Signing a passport change of name form for a forthcoming marriage/civil partnership £15

Registration of a marriage, signing the civil partnership schedule, a naming/renewal of vows ceremony or a celebratory ceremony following a civil partnership conversion to marriage at an approved premises within the borough of Blackburn with Darwen.

- Monday to Thursday £306
- Friday £326
- Saturday £376
- Sunday/Bank Holiday £446