

MARRIAGE IN SCOTLAND – WHAT YOU WOULD PAY

Statutory fees for civil and religious or belief marriages

With effect from 1 January 2011, the **fees set by the Registrar General** by Act of Parliament are as follows:

For each person submitting a notice of marriage to the district registrar	£30
For solemnisation of a civil marriage	£55
For each extract of the entry in the register of marriages (applied for within one month of registration of the marriage)	£10
Two people could thus give notice of marriage, have a civil marriage solemnised by the registrar in a registration office, and have one extract of the register entry (their marriage certificate) for the total in statutory fees of	£125

Payment should be made in pounds sterling and you will need to confirm with the district registrar how to pay.

A district registrar, who is a local authority official authorised by the Registrar General to solemnise civil marriages, is required to make arrangements to do so at the statutory fee if suitable notice is given. A civil marriage at the statutory fee will always allow for two persons, other than the couple, to attend as witnesses to the marriage, as required by the law. The couple normally choose and invite the two witnesses.

Additional fees charged by the local authority for civil marriage

Some **registration offices** may offer accommodation or facilities suitable for more than just the couple and their two witnesses to be present at the marriage or may offer to solemnise marriages at particular times requiring special attendance by the registrar (For example, outside Monday to Friday office hours). This may involve the local authority in extra costs and the authority **may**, in some cases, wish to charge its own fees, in addition to the statutory fees mentioned above, to meet such costs. These fees vary from office to office, depending on the facilities provided, and on the decision of the local authority as to what to charge. Couples should ask the district registrar what those extra fees might be.

Local authorities may also fix fees for the attendance of an authorised registrar at places other than their registration offices. These fees vary from place to place depending upon how much the local authority decide to charge. Couples should ask the district registrar what that extra fee might be.

Additional fees charged for a religious or belief marriage

Couples should ask the religious or belief celebrant who is to solemnise their marriage about the fees they charge.