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# Your 'You plus Two' ceremony at The Old Marylebone Town Hall

# Your statutory ceremony at the Westminster Register Office, 317 Harrow Road W9

**'You Plus Two'** and **statutory ceremonies** only take place on a Tuesday and they are simple legal ceremonies lasting ten minutes and involving just yourselves and two witnesses (who must be over 16 year old and able to speak and understand English). No other guests are permitted to attend – not even a photographer - and we provide a very basic script for the ceremony. As it is a simple ceremony, there isn't the opportunity to have readings or music as part of the occasion, though the exchanging of rings is permitted.

If you have opted for a **'You Plus Two'** ceremony, this will be taking place in one of the 7 ceremony rooms at The Old Marylebone Town Hall - one of the most iconic wedding and ceremony venues in the heart of London. There is limited availability - mainly on Tuesday mornings during the off peak season - October to April. There is no availability on any other day of the week including weekends. Please be aware that the 'You plus Two' ceremonies are not available at any time during the busy peak period of May to September.

If you wish to upgrade your ceremony at the Old Marylebone Town Hall to include enhancements and/or increase your guest list please contact us to discuss your options.

If you have opted for a **statutory ceremony**, this will be taking place in an office at the Westminster Register Office, 317 Harrow Road London W9.

The time in your confirmation email is the time the ceremony is due to start. You will both need to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of your ceremony to see the Registrar to confirm the details for your legal record.

To see the full terms and conditions of bookings with us, including our fees and information regarding amendments and cancellations, please visit our website [here](#)

## **Give your notice of intention to marry/form a civil partnership**

Once you have made your booking for your ceremony, it is a legal requirement that all couples getting married or forming a civil partnership attend notice of intention appointments. You need to do this in your local register office, but don't worry – you can still have your ceremony in Westminster if you're not a Westminster resident.

Your notice of intention needs to be given at least 28 days before your ceremony. If you or your partner are not relevant nationals, your notice period can be extended to 71 days, so you are advised to give notice at least 71 days before your ceremony. A relevant national is someone who is either British, Irish, or has either pre-settled status, settled status, or is awaiting the outcome of their EUSS application.

If you live outside England or Wales but want to get married in Westminster, you can still do so, but please take a look [here](#) for more information on the rules.

When you give your notice of intention you will be declaring where you are getting married/forming a civil partnership. If you give notice for your ceremony to take place at the register office and then change your mind and wish to change to the Old Marylebone Town Hall, (or vice versa) you will need to give notice (and pay) again.

## The ceremony

The ceremony consists of legal declaratory and contracting words that you are each required to repeat after the registrar.

They are as follows:

**I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I \_\_\_\_\_ may not be joined in matrimony to \_\_\_\_\_**

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I \_\_\_\_\_ do take thee \_\_\_\_\_ to be my lawful wedded wife/husband**

A civil partnership doesn't require any legal words to be spoken - you simply sign the schedule in the presence of your two witnesses and the registrar.

## Certificates

Your marriage /civil partnership certificate(s) will be posted to you up to 2 weeks after your ceremony. One certificate is included in the fee paid at the time of booking and it is not possible to order additional copies until after the ceremony has taken place. Please see [here](#) for details on how to order extra certificates.

We look forward to attending your ceremony and if you have any questions before then please don't hesitate to get in touch

## Contact us



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