

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **QUESTIONNAIRE - CIVIL MARRIAGE (SJ-217)**

Each of the future spouses must complete the section of the questionnaire concerning him or her before coming to the preliminary interview, the time and date of which are determined by the clerk. For more information, as well as the contact information for all courthouses in the province of Québec, consult the list of [courthouses](#) on the Internet site of the ministère de la Justice. You can also consult the document entitled "[Marriage](#)", available on the same site.

#### **TYPE OF FORM**

The "Civil Marriage – General information" form is available in dynamic PDF format, i.e. after the form is downloaded, the future spouses may complete it on screen.

#### **PROCEDURE**

You must bring the completed questionnaire with you to the preliminary interview, along with your act of birth or certificate of birth issued by the Directeur de l'état civil. You must also be accompanied by a witness of full age who will sign, in the presence of the clerk, the declaration that will be used to post the marriage. Plan to pay the [costs](#) at that time.

► Number \_\_\_\_\_

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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*Before filling out this form,  
read the explanatory notes  
[on the last page.](#)*

► FUTURE SPOUSES

.....  Female  Male

.....  Female  Male

► SOLEMNIZATION IS REQUESTED FOR THE MONTH OF

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► THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN *(check the desired language):*

- ENGLISH
- FRENCH

**SECTION A – To be filled out by the future spouse**

Family name		Given names ( <i>underline the one you use most</i> )	
Current address ( <i>civic number, street, apartment number, city, province, country</i> )			
Postal code		Home telephone number (area code)	Work telephone number (area code)
Date of birth Y   M   D	Place of birth ( <i>city, province, country</i> )		<input type="radio"/> Full age <input type="radio"/> Minor
Place of registration of birth ( <i>parish, city, province, country</i> ) or registration number in the register of civil status			
Family name and given names of father at birth			
Family name and given names of mother at birth			
Last level of schooling successfully done		<input type="radio"/> Elementary	<input type="radio"/> Secondary
		<input type="radio"/> Technical school	<input type="radio"/> University
Civil status: <input type="radio"/> single		Former spouse holder of: <input type="radio"/> a judgment of divorce	
<input type="radio"/> widowed		<input type="radio"/> an annulment of marriage	
		<input type="radio"/> an annulment of civil union	
		<input type="radio"/> a dissolution of civil union	
Canadian citizenship: <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no <input type="radio"/> If other, <i>specify</i>			
Mother tongue <input type="radio"/> English <input type="radio"/> French    Other ( <i>specify</i> )		Kinship with future spouse <input type="radio"/> None or specify the nature	
Place of residence after the civil marriage (if it is known) ( <i>civic number, street, apartment number, city, province, country</i> )			

**SECTION B – To be filled out if you are widowed**

Family name and given names of deceased spouse	
Place of burial ( <i>city, province, country</i> )	Date of death Y   M   D

**SECTION C – To be filled out if you have been married or in a civil union before**

My previous union was: <input type="radio"/> a marriage <input type="radio"/> a civil union	This union ended in: <input type="radio"/> a divorce <input type="radio"/> an annulment <input type="radio"/> a dissolution
Family name and given names of former spouse	
Place where the union legally ended (by judgment, by notarial dissolution, etc.) ( <i>city, province, country</i> )	

**SECTION D – To be filled out if you are a minor**

Family name and given names of parent or parents with parental authority	
Address of parent or parents with parental authority	
Mother	
Father ( <i>check if his address is the same as mother's, or specify</i> ) <input type="radio"/>	
If the parent or parents are deceased or unable to give their consent due to reasons of health or distance, minors must obtain consent from their guardian.	Family name and given names of guardian
	Address of guardian
<b>The parent or parents with parental authority, or the guardian, must be present at the interview.</b>	

**SECTION E – Attestation**

<b>I ATTEST THAT ALL THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS FORM IS TRUE.</b>	
Date	Signature

**Leave this section blank.**

Family name and given names of the witness to the declarations
Address ( <i>civic number, street, apartment number, city, province, country</i> )

**SECTION F – To be filled out by the future spouse**

Family name		Given names ( <i>underline the one you use most</i> )	
Current address ( <i>civic number, street, apartment number, city, province, country</i> )			
Postal code		Home telephone number (area code)	Work telephone number (area code)
Date of birth Y   M   D	Place of birth ( <i>city, province, country</i> )		<input type="radio"/> Full age <input type="radio"/> Minor
Place of registration of birth ( <i>parish, city, province, country</i> ) or registration number in the register of civil status			
Family name and given names of father at birth			
Family name and given names of mother at birth			
Last level of schooling successfully done	<input type="radio"/> Elementary	<input type="radio"/> Secondary	<input type="radio"/> Technical school <input type="radio"/> University
Civil status: <input type="radio"/> single	Former spouse holder of:	<input type="radio"/> a judgment of divorce	<input type="radio"/> an annulment of marriage
<input type="radio"/> widowed		<input type="radio"/> an annulment of civil union	<input type="radio"/> a dissolution of civil union
Canadian citizenship: <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no <input type="radio"/> If other, <i>specify</i>			
Mother tongue <input type="radio"/> English <input type="radio"/> French    Other ( <i>specify</i> )		Kinship with future spouse <input type="radio"/> None or specify the nature	
Place of residence after the civil marriage (if it is known) ( <i>civic number, street, apartment number, city, province, country</i> )			

**SECTION G – To be filled out if you are widowed**

Family name and given names of deceased spouse	
Place of burial ( <i>city, province, country</i> )	Date of death Y   M   D

**SECTION H – To be filled out if you have been married or in a civil union before**

My previous union was: <input type="radio"/> a marriage <input type="radio"/> a civil union	This union ended in: <input type="radio"/> a divorce <input type="radio"/> an annulment <input type="radio"/> a dissolution
Family name and given names of former spouse	
Place where the union legally ended (by judgment, by notarial dissolution, etc.) ( <i>city, province, country</i> )	

**SECTION I – To be filled out if you are a minor**

Family name and given names of parent or parents with parental authority	
Address of parent or parents with parental authority	
Mother	
Father ( <i>check if his address is the same as mother's, or specify</i> ) <input type="radio"/>	
If the parent or parents are deceased or unable to give their consent due to reasons of health or distance, minors must obtain consent from their guardian.	Family name and given names of guardian
	Address of guardian
<b>The parent or parents with parental authority, or the guardian, must be present at the interview.</b>	

**SECTION J – Attestation**

<b>I ATTEST THAT ALL THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS FORM IS TRUE.</b>	
Date	Signature

**Leave this section blank.**

Accepted on	Meeting set for	at	a.m./p.m.
Comments			

## ► Information on the solemnization of civil marriages

### PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW

The court clerk will tell you the date and time of the interview preliminary to the solemnization of the marriage. The future spouses must then go to the courthouse, **with a witness of full legal age**, to sign, before the court clerk, the declaration that will be used for the publication of the marriage. It is not necessary that this witness also be the witness during the solemnization.

The date and time of the solemnization of the marriage will be confirmed at the interview.

### POSTING

According to law, the declaration of the future spouses must be posted for 20 days before the date of solemnization at the place where the marriage will be solemnized and at the nearest courthouse.

Article 368 of the Civil Code of Québec suggests to the intended spouses to undergo a premarital medical examination.

### SOLEMNIZATION

The civil marriage must be solemnized in a courthouse or a place authorized for that purpose. Civil marriages are solemnized by the clerk of the Superior Court Monday through Saturday, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. except for the days referred to in the Rules respecting the solemnization of civil marriages. Before the ceremony, the celebrant will make sure of the identity of the bride and groom-to-be.

### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR ACT OF MARRIAGE

If you wish to obtain a certificate or a copy of the act of marriage you must contact the Directeur de l'état civil.

### RULES

You are allowed to film and take pictures during the ceremony. However, it is prohibited to throw confetti or drink alcoholic beverages inside the courthouse where the marriage is solemnized.

### FEE

The [fees](#) for solemnizing a civil marriage are \_\_\_\_\_ (tax included).

If the clerk has to travel to solemnize the marriage, travel and accommodation expenses are added to the initial fee.

The fees are payable at the interview in cash, by debit or credit card, by postal money order, bank money order or certified cheque made out to the Minister of Finance.

## ► How to fill out the form

**Both future spouses** must fill out the appropriate sections of this form in **block letters**, sign the form and include **their act of birth or certificate of birth issued by the Directeur de l'état civil**. Future spouses who are minors must include written consent from their parents or legal guardian.

Furthermore:

- ▶ a **widowed person** must provide the death certificate of the former spouse or a copy issued by the Directeur de l'état civil;
- ▶ a **divorced person** must provide a certificate or an official copy of the decree absolute of divorce;
- ▶ a **person who had a previous civil marriage or civil union annulled** must provide a certified true copy of the judgment of annulment;
- ▶ a **person who had a previous civil union dissolved** must provide a certified true copy of the judgment of dissolution or of the joint notarial declaration.

***Any error in this form or failure to submit the required documents may delay the publication and the solemnization of the civil marriage.***