

EXPLANATORY NOTES

QUESTIONNAIRE – MARRIAGE (SJ-217A)

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 further information, as well as the contact information for courthouses in the province of Québec, consult the [list of courthouses](#) on the website of the ministère de la Justice. You can also consult the document entitled “Marriage and civil union”, available on the same website.

TYPES OF FORMS

This form is available in dynamic PDF format, meaning the form can be downloaded from www.justice.gouv.qc.ca and completed directly on screen.

- Dynamic PDF:

After completing the form, you must print it on letter-sized paper, i.e. 8.5 inches by 11 inches (215.9 mm by 279.4 mm). Be sure to set your printer to this paper size.

- Paper:

If you complete the form by hand, please write legibly in block letters.

PROCEDURE

You must bring the completed questionnaire with you to the preliminary interview, along with your birth certificate (long-form, with the name of your parents) or a copy of your act 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.

Court costs are payable on filing your Questionnaire. To find out what the costs are, refer to the website of ministère de la Justice, at www.justice.gouv.qc.ca.

► Number _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

*Before filling out this form,
read the explanatory notes
on the last page.*

► **FUTURE SPOUSES**

.....	<input type="radio"/> Female	<input type="radio"/> Male
.....	<input type="radio"/> Female	<input type="radio"/> Male

► **SOLEMNIZATION IS REQUESTED FOR THE MONTH OF**

.....

► **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		Area code	Home telephone number	Area code	Work telephone number	
Date of birth	Place of birth (<i>city, province, country</i>)							
Y	M	D						<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								
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		
Kinship with future spouse		<input type="radio"/> None or specify the nature						
For statistical purposes only								
Mother tongue ¹		<input type="radio"/> English	<input type="radio"/> French	Other (specify)				
Last level of schooling successfully done ²		<input type="radio"/> Elementary	<input type="radio"/> Secondary	<input type="radio"/> Technical school	<input type="radio"/> University			
Spouses' home address after the marriage (if it is not known, indicate the municipality, province or foreign country where you plan to live) (<i>civic number, street, apartment number, city, town, 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:	This union ended in:
<input type="radio"/> a marriage <input type="radio"/> a civil union	<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

I obtained the Court's authorization for the solemnization of my marriage.	
Date of judgment	Court file number
Y M D	

SECTION E - Attestation

I ATTEST THAT ALL THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS FORM IS TRUE.	
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>)

¹ Indicate the first language you learned as a child and still understand. If you no longer understand that language, indicate the second language you learned as a child and still understand.

² Indicate the last level of schooling completed. Do not take into account schooling that was abandoned or failed.

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		Area code	Home telephone number	Area code	Work telephone number	
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								
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		
Kinship with future spouse		<input type="radio"/> None or specify the nature						
For statistical purposes only								
Mother tongue ¹		<input type="radio"/> English	<input type="radio"/> French	Other (specify)				
Last level of schooling successfully done ²		<input type="radio"/> Elementary	<input type="radio"/> Secondary	<input type="radio"/> Technical school	<input type="radio"/> University			
Spouses' home address after the marriage (if it is not known, indicate the municipality, province or foreign country where you plan to live) (<i>civic number, street, apartment number, city, town, province, country</i>)								

SECTION G - To be filled out of 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:	This union ended in:
<input type="radio"/> a marriage <input type="radio"/> a civil union	<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

I obtained the Court's authorization for the solemnization of my marriage.	
Date of judgment Y M D	Court file number

SECTION J - Attestation

I ATTEST THAT ALL THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS FORM IS TRUE.	
Date	Signature

Leave this section blank

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

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► Information

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 notice of marriage must be posted for 20 days before the date of solemnization on the website of the Directeur de l'état civil.

SOLEMNIZATION

The marriage must be solemnized in a courthouse or a place authorized for that purpose. 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 and civil unions. Before the ceremony, the celebrant will make sure of the identity of the bride and groom-to-be.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR ACT OF MARRIAGE

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 **a copy of their act of birth or certificate of birth (long-form, with the name of their parents) issued by the Directeur de l'état civil.**

Furthermore:

- ▶ a **widowed person** must provide the death certificate of the former spouse or a copy of the act of death 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;
- ▶ **minors** must provide a certified true copy of the judgment authorizing the solemnization of their marriage.
- ▶ **civil union spouses** must provide a copy of the civil union act.

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