

CMA and Correct MARRIAGE Procedure

As a member of CMA you are entitled to request a license to marry.

This is not available unless requested either at the time of your acceptance into membership or later on as so desired. Please submit your request in writing to the CMA office.

The license to marry carries no extra cost to members.

The right to marry is provincially regulated and must be processed through our office. Your License to marry is limited to the Province in which you are registered and reside.

If you require the right to marry outside of your Province, you must request in writing to the CMA office for a temporary permit to marry in the Province needed. This request must be in our **office no less than 8 weeks** prior to the date of the ceremony. Last minute requests will not be entertained. This is due to the paperwork and time requirements of each Provincial regulator.

If you change the Province of residence, you must inform our office immediately. There are regulations in the Marriage act that must be adhered to, to ensure you the privilege of conducting marriage ceremonies in the area you now reside. Marriage Licenses are not transferable Province to Province.

Marriage registry books are available upon request through the CMA office. The marriage registry book is intended to be used at each ceremony you perform. In most cases the Local Church or institution will have a book that you can use. If you are in need of your own book please inform us of the reason in writing and we can process your request.

If and when you cease to be a member of CMA*, you must inform us of your decision and turn in you License. If you are in possession of your own personal registry book, you must relinquish this to as well. For more details please contact our office by email, letter or phone. Failure to do so is an offense to the marriage act and can carry a fine.

As a reminder to all members who perform marriage ceremonies, there are proper procedures to be followed to ensure that the happy couple is indeed married. We have in the past had to correct and even request special considerations for those in violation of correct practices.

If you are in doubt of these procedures please contact us and we will assist you in this area.

- ***Cease to be a member** – CMA membership is granted and retained according to the by-laws in our constitution and therefore must be upheld. You may request special consideration in writing to the office stating your desire and current position. Members are never “cut off” without repeated communications from the office. We do rely on each member’s Biblical and moral integrity to fulfill the requirements and privilege of membership.