

## Quick Guide to Legal Marriage in Scotland Scota Goddess Temple

*Scottish law permits marriage rituals performed in Scottish Territory by an Approved Celebrant to be treated as fully legal Pagan marriages under the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 and to be recognised as fully legal throughout the world.*



1. The Couple should contact the Registrar in the district in which the marriage is to take place to submit their completed marriage notice forms (form M10). This form has to be submitted at least 29 days before the chosen date for the marriage to provide all documentation required with enough time.

You can find and download the M10 Form mentioned above in the following link:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//registration/m10-notes-and-m10-form-revised-october-2015.pdf>

2. The couple then shall pay the Registrar Fee (Currently £30 each + £10 per copy of the marriage certificate) and submit the M10 form. The Registrar office will provide an account to pay the Fee and will explain how to submit the forms, normally this can be done by post, email or in person.
3. When sending the M10 forms to the Registrar Office the Couple must supply the following Original Documents :
  - Birth certificate or, if you are adopted, your adoption certificate.
  - Evidence of your usual residence.
  - A decree of divorce or dissolution or annulment or a certified copy decree If you have been married or in a registered civil partnership before.
  - Valid passport or other document to provide evidence of nationality.
  - If your spouse or civil partner is deceased, the death certificate of your former spouse or civil partner.
  - If you are in a qualifying civil partnership, an extract from the entry in the civil partnership register relating to the civil partnership.
  - If your domicile is abroad, a certificate of no impediment issued by the competent authority to the effect that you are free to marry.
  - If any of these documents are in a language other than English, a certified translation in English must also be provided.

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### **IF YOU ARE DOMICILED OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The normal procedure of giving notice to the registrar in Scotland must be followed but, as previously mentioned, an additional requirement is placed upon you.

- If, being domiciled in a country outside the UK, you are subject to the marriage laws of that country, you should obtain, if practicable, a certificate issued by the competent authority (usually the civil authority) in that country to the effect that there is no impediment to your proposed marriage. If the certificate is in a language other than English you should also produce a certified translation.
- In the absence of such a certificate without good reason being shown, it may not be possible for you to marry in Scotland.
- If you are now resident in the UK, and have lived here for the last two years or more, you need not submit such a certificate.
- If you are a UK citizen living abroad, or an Australian or New Zealand or Canadian or United States of America citizen you need not submit such a certificate.

4. Once the Registrar is satisfied that there is no legal impediment to the marriage, a Marriage Schedule is prepared and shall then be collected by the couple from the registration office after making an appointment (The Marriage Schedule is issued no earlier than seven (7) days before the marriage).
5. We will ensure that the details in the Marriage Schedule are correct prior to the ceremony as is Essential to be able to celebrate your wedding and all must be perfect.
6. Following that Schedule, your marriage will be solemnised on the date and at the place specified in it.
7. You will need two witnesses to the marriage who must both be over 16 years of age. The witnesses both need to be prepared to give their full names and full addresses and to sign the Marriage Schedule.
8. It is the responsibility of the couple to arrange for the return of the Schedule, within three (3) days from the Wedding, to the issuing Registrar to enable the marriage to be registered.

Please get in touch if you have any further Questions. [scotagoddesstemple@gmail.com](mailto:scotagoddesstemple@gmail.com)