

# MARRIAGE IN SCOTLAND - WHAT YOU WOULD PAY

## Statutory fees for civil and religious marriages

With effect from 1 April 2009, the **fees set by the Registrar General** by Act of Parliament are as follows:

For each person submitting a notice of marriage, **civil or religious**, to the district registrar **£28**

For solemnisation of a **civil** marriage **£50**

For each extract of the entry in the register of marriages (applied for within the year of registration of the marriage, **civil or religious**) **£9**

Two people could thus give notice of marriage, have a civil marriage solemnised by the registrar in a registration office, and have one extract of the register entry (their 'marriage certificate') for the total in statutory fees of **£115**

Payment should be made in pounds sterling and you will need to confirm to whom cheques should be made payable.

A district registrar who is a local authority official authorised by the Registrar General to solemnise civil marriages is required to make arrangements to do so at the statutory fee if suitable notice is given. A civil marriage at the statutory fee will always allow for two persons, in addition to the bride and bridegroom, to attend as witnesses to the marriage, as required by the law. The couple normally choose and invite the two witnesses.

## Additional fees charged by the local authority for a civil marriage

Some **registration offices** may offer accommodation or facilities suitable for more than just the couple and their two witnesses to be present at the marriage, or may offer to solemnise civil marriages at particular times requiring special attendance by the registrar (for example, outside Monday to Friday office hours). This may involve the local authority in extra costs, and the authority *may* in some cases wish to charge its own fees, additional to the statutory fees mentioned, to meet such costs. These fees vary from office to office, depending upon the facilities provided, and upon the decision of the authority as to what to charge. Please ask the district registrar what these extra fees might be.

Local authorities may also fix fees for the attendance by an authorised registrar at **approved places** other than registration offices. These fees vary from place to place, depending upon the decision of the authority as to what to charge. Please ask the district registrar what the extra fee might be.

If you wish to apply for a temporary approval for a civil marriage to be conducted at a place of your choice, such as your own home, you should contact the local authority who will advise you about the fee and the application procedure.

## Additional fees charged for a religious marriage

You should ask the religious celebrant who is to solemnise your marriage what fees will be charged.