

Storyline Ceremonies - Concise Wedding Service Contract

To be treated as a summary of the Service Agreement with Terms and Conditions provided by Storyline Ceremonies.

Your Responsibilities, with “We” referring to the couple wanting to get married!

Being able to be wed:

1. We are not directly related (siblings, parent and child), we are free to marry (not already married), and we freely, consistently, and openly consent to marry one another.
2. We will be sober on the day of our wedding so that our consent is not called into question.
3. We will be at least 18 years old on the day of the ceremony, or in cases where one of the couple is 16 or 17, we will provide parental consent and court approval to be wed.
4. We understand that we need to follow points 1 to 3 above as per marriage law, or Ben reserves the right to transition the legal wedding ceremony into a non-legal commitment ceremony.

Preparing to get married:

1. We will meet Ben in person to discuss consent and marriage education, fill out marriage paperwork, and organise for the wedding ceremony of our choosing.
2. We will supply Ben with our ID (passports, or birth certificates and valid photo ID) and proof of previous marriages ending in order to complete our marriage paperwork.
3. We agree that if any of our documents are in a language other than English, then we will acquire and provide translations by an accredited translator from NAATI (National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters), and/or arrange for an interpreter from NAATI to be present for our wedding ceremony if either of us do not understand spoken English.
4. We understand that it is an offence to provide false information on our marriage paperwork.
5. We will put forward two witnesses for our ceremony aged 18 or older to witness and sign paperwork on the day of the ceremony.

Fees:

1. We will pay fees on time and we understand that if we do not, Ben cannot guarantee his involvement in our ceremony.
2. If we or our guests break any of Ben's equipment, we will be required to pay for replacements.
3. If plans change and we want a refund, we acknowledge that a full refund is not always possible depending on how soon the wedding is. The further out from the wedding, the more likely for a full refund!

Extra bits and pieces:

1. We will let Ben know if any important details about the wedding ceremony changes.
2. We will follow state and federal laws and advice regarding natural disasters or pandemics that may affect the ceremony, up to and including cancelling the ceremony.
3. We will share any photos taken during the ceremony that we are comfortable with Ben using and leave him a review after the big day!

What about Ben's responsibilities?

The Legal Stuff:

1. Ben will provide the marriage paperwork, ensure it is filled out correctly, and send it off to the Registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages within 14 days after the wedding ceremony.
2. Ben will safeguard the second copy of the Official Certificate of Marriage and its sensitive information for the required six years. Once the six years elapse, this copy will be destroyed.
3. Ben will recite the legal requirements during the wedding ceremony and have you accurately repeat your legal requirements after him as well.
4. Ben will arrange for an appropriate replacement celebrant if he unexpectedly cannot attend your big day due to an unforeseen tragedy.
5. Ben will follow state and federal laws and advice regarding natural disasters or pandemics that may affect the ceremony, up to and including cancelling the ceremony.

Organising the big day:

1. Ben will be available to help organise your ceremony to your liking via phone, email, and social media.
2. Ben will write your personalised ceremony script to your liking, and drafts of the script will be sent to you for approval. Ben can also help workshop vow writing!
3. Ben will supply you with a tax invoice for the ceremony fee and any other fees agreed upon. Ben will clearly lay out other optional services and their costs (such as a ceremony rehearsal, additional rituals and travel costs), ensuring you are aware of costs before invoicing you.

On the day:

1. Ben will be the best marriage celebrant he can possibly be, including by arriving between 30 minutes to an hour prior to the ceremony commencing, performing the ceremony script as agreed upon, and running the ceremony in a safe and professional manner.
2. For Legals Only, Classic, and All In packages, Ben will provide his PA system for use in the ceremony if required, and can operate music for the ceremony through it.
3. For Classic and All In packages, Ben will provide you with professionally printed vow cards to use and to have as keepsakes.
4. Ben will touch base with you on the day to check all is going according to plan.