



## Who can get married or enter a civil partnership in prison?

✓ Most people.

### But not if;

- ✗ Already married or in a civil partnership.
- ✗ Younger than 16.
- ✗ Partner is a close relative.
- ✗ Either is not able to agree.

For a civil partnership persons have to be of the same sex.

Non-EEA nationalists could be referred to the Home Office.



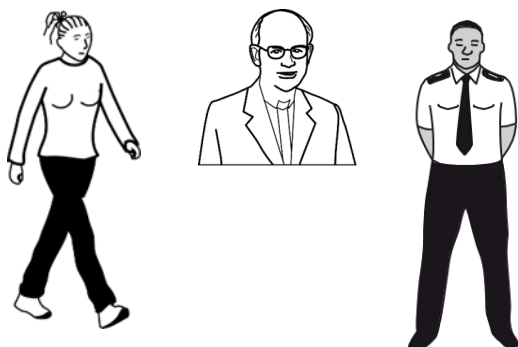
## How can I get married or enter a civil partnership?

You need to get an application form from either;

- ✓ Prison Officer; or
- ✓ Chaplain

### What if I need help?

- ✓ Your Personal Officer or a Chaplain can help you fill in the form.



**Your partner** will be interviewed by your **Personal Officer** or the **Chaplain**.

### They will check;

- ✓ Your partner wants to be married.
- ✓ Your partner understands he or she is getting married.



✓ Your partner is not being forced to be married.  
**(Forced marriage is against the law. We will report it to the Home Office and the Police)**



**Most** ceremonies will take place in the **Prison**.

**Depending** on your **supervision** and **risk level**, some ceremonies can take place:

In a **Registrar's Office**;  
In a **place of worship**; or  
In an **approved venue**.

**The Governor** will look at your **supervision** and **risk level**.



The Governor will say

**Yes** or **No**

✓ If **Yes** your **Personal Officer** or the **Chaplain** will tell you what happens next.

✗ If **No** you will be told why.



**Legal Paperwork**

**Before** you are married, the **Registrar** needs paperwork. They need.

✓ **Completed forms** called M10 or CP 10.



- ✓ **Birth certificates** for you and your partner.

**Your Partner needs to get this paperwork to Registrar's Office.**

Some religions and beliefs may require extra paperwork to be completed



**Who can come to the ceremony?**

- ✓ Your **family and friends**.
- ✓ You require **two witnesses**.
- ✓ Maximum **guests 12**.
- ✗ **Not another prisoner**, (unless they are family or a witness).

**Tell your Personal Officer** who is coming.



**Cost** of getting married or entering a civil partnership

- ✓ Legal Paper work = £60.
- ✓ Registrar = £55.
- ✓ SPS Chaplains = no fee.
- ✓ Celebrant (other than a Chaplain or a Register) = variable.
- ✓ Belief Ceremonies= variable.

Your Personal Officer will find out these costs.

(All fees listed are subject to change and may increase)

**You or your partner will have to pay for this.**



You can have a **buffet** after the ceremony.

- ✓ You **will have to** pay for this.
- ✓ Your **Personal Officer** will be able to **tell you the costs**.



You can have **flowers** in the area where the ceremony is being held.

- ✓ You **will have to** pay for this.
- ✓ Your **Personal Officer** will be able to **tell you the costs**.



You can arrange for **wedding clothes** for you to wear at the ceremony.

- ✓ Clothes **will have to** be in reception at least 48 hours before the ceremony.
- ✓ You **will have to return** your outfit after the ceremony.



**Photos can be taken** to remember this special day.

- ✓ In **prison** this will be done by a **Prison Officer**.
- ✓ You **will get a CD** with the photos on.
- ✓ **No cost** for this service.



**Any other Questions?**

- ✓ Talk to your **Personal Officer** or the **Chaplain**.

