

REMINDER TO ALL OFFICIANTS FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

May 10, 2016

Dear Sir,
Dear Madam,

In recent months or recent years you were designated or appointed as an authorized officiant under the provisions of the Civil Code of Québec.

This status is a privilege that imposes obligations and responsibilities, as set out in the provisions of the Civil Code of Québec. You are required to comply with these provisions, and in particular with the provision ordering that a declaration of marriage be sent without delay to the registrar of civil status (article 375).

I urge you to consult the *Officiant's Guide*, available on the website of the registrar of civil status (<http://www.etatcivil.gouv.qc.ca>), which sets out the obligations and responsibilities of the officiant before, during and after the solemnization of a marriage. I would like to point out that any failure to comply with the rules of the Civil Code may lead to the revocation of your authorization or designation.

If you have any questions concerning the duties of an officiant, please contact the registrar of civil status at 1 877 644-4545.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

STÉPHANIE VALLÉE
Minister of Justice,
Attorney General of Québec and
Notary General for Québec