

**Important**

- Read the general information and instructions.
- Complete **all sections** of the form in block letters (uppercase, lowercase and accented characters), in black or blue ink.
- **Sign** and **date** your application.

**Section 1: Information on the intended spouse**

1. Surname		2. Usual given name	
3. Home address (number, street)		Apartment	4. City, town, village or municipality
5. Province		6. Postal code	7. Country
8. Area code	Phone number	9. Area code	Phone number (other)
		Extension	10. Email
I ask the Directeur de l'état civil to designate the person mentioned in section 3 as an officiant for the solemnization of the union described in section 4.		11. Signature (mandatory) <b>X</b>	12. Date Year    Month    Day

**Section 2: Information on the other intended spouse**

13. Surname		14. Usual given name	
15. Home address (number, street)		Apartment	16. City, town, village or municipality
17. Province		18. Postal, code	19. Country
20. Area code	Phone number	21. Area code	Phone number (other)
		Extension	22. Email
I ask the Directeur de l'état civil to designate the person mentioned in section 3 as an officiant for the solemnization of the union described in section 4.		23. Signature (mandatory) <b>X</b>	24. Date Year    Month    Day

**Section 3: Information on the officiant concerned by the request**

25. Surname		26. Usual given name	
27. Home address or work address (number, street)		Apartment	28. City, town, village or municipality
29. Province		30. Postal code	31. Country
32. Area code	Phone number	33. Area code	Phone number (other)
		Extension	34. Email
35. Sex designation <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary (X)	36. Date of birth Year    Month    Day	37. Profession	37a. Are you retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		38. Language of correspondence <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> English	
I consent to be designated to act as an officiant for the solemnization of the union described in section 4 between the persons mentioned in sections 1 and 2. I declare that I fulfill all the conditions listed in this form and undertake to comply with the conditions concerning the substance and form of the marriage or civil union provided for in the law.		39. Signature (mandatory) <b>X</b>	40. Date Year    Month    Day

**Section 4: Information on the marriage or civil union**

41. Type of union solemnized <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Civil union		42. Place of the marriage or civil union (city, town, village or municipality)	
43. Scheduled solemnization date Year    Month    Day	44. Judicial district (consult the Ministère de la Justice website at <a href="http://www.justice.gouv.qc.ca/en/join-us/recherche-dun-district">www.justice.gouv.qc.ca/en/join-us/recherche-dun-district</a> to find a judicial district.)		
45. Address of the place of solemnization (number, street)		Apartment	46. City, town, village or municipality
47. Province <b>Québec</b>		48. Postal code	49. Country <b>Canada</b>
50. Description of the solemnization (Briefly describe the place where the ceremony will be; the place must be in keeping with the solemn nature of the ceremony and be laid out for that purpose, in accordance with section 2 of the Rules respecting the solemnization of civil marriages and civil unions.)			

## What you should know?

To submit an application for designation, you must satisfy the following conditions:

- Be a Canadian citizen or reside in Québec;
- Be 18 years of age or over and able to fully exercise all of your civil rights.
- Speak French or English;
- Not be under tutorship or curatorship, or under the protection of an adviser to a person of full age;
- Have complied with your obligations as an officiant for a previous marriage or civil union, if applicable.

Eligibility to file an application does not necessarily mean the Directeur de l'état civil will grant the designation.

When analyzing your application, the Directeur de l'état civil will contact you to verify that you meet the eligibility criteria and inform you of your obligations as an officiant.

A maximum of three specific designations may be granted to the same officiant, subject to exceptions.

The Directeur de l'état civil has jurisdiction to designate an officiant for a marriage or civil union in Québec only.

If you are authorized to solemnize the marriage or civil union of the persons named on the application on the scheduled day and at the planned location of the ceremony, you will be mailed your officiant kit containing all of the necessary documents.

### Processing time for an application

We recommend that you allow **approximately four months** before the scheduled date of the event for your application to be processed. The processing time for an application for designation varies according to the complexity of the file and the number of applications being processed.

### Responsibilities of the officiant

If your application is granted, as officiant, you will be responsible for ensuring that certain legal formalities are complied with before, during and after solemnization.

## Differences between marriage and civil union

You must indicate the type of union on the form, either marriage or civil union. The rights and obligations that stem from these two types of unions are the same. There are differences, however, with respect to the required age and the dissolution process.

### Marriage

Marriage is a solemn act by which two persons publicly express their free and enlightened consent to live together and comply with the rights and obligations related to this civil status, as conferred by law.

### Civil union

Civil union status was created in 2002, particularly to allow the union of same-sex spouses. It still exists, although same-sex couples have been able to marry since 2005.

A civil union is a solemn act by which two persons publicly express their free and enlightened consent to live together and comply with the rights and obligations related to this civil status.

However, unlike marriage, a civil union is valid in Québec only. Consequently, if a couple in a civil union wishes to settle outside Québec, they should consult a legal advisor in order to prevent unfortunate consequences in the event of death or breakup.

## How to submit the application?



### By mail

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## To reach us



### By phone

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### By Email

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### Website

[www.etatcivil.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.etatcivil.gouv.qc.ca)

## Instructions

Boxes 11, 23 and 39 – **Signature required**

Digital signatures are not accepted. If the application is not signed, it will be refused.