



PARTICULARS OF QUALIFYING CONNECTION

For completion by a person who wishes to apply for a common licence to marry in a parish by virtue of a qualifying connection with that parish Under The Church Of England Marriage Measure 2008

	Bridegroom	Bride
Names in full:		
Chosen Church and Parish for marriage:		
Proposed Date of Marriage:		

YOUR QUALIFYING CONNECTION WITH THE PARISH UNDER THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE MEASURE 2008

Please complete this form only if the legal ground on which you are relying in order to marry in the parish is a qualifying connection with the parish under the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008. Do not complete this part of the form if you are resident in the parish where you wish to marry or if you are on the electoral roll there.

You may find it helpful to read the material on the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008 on the Church of England website, including the House of Bishops' guidance on the Measure, at www.cofe.anglican.org/info/socialpublic/marriagefamily/marriageanddivorce/marriageasure

	Bridegroom	Bride
Names in full:		
SECTION 1		
Please tick relevant box or boxes <i>* This can apply whether or not you or your parent(s) are still resident in the parish.</i> <i>** This can apply whether or not you or your parent(s) are still attending worship in the parish</i>	I wish to rely on a connection with the parish by virtue of one or more of the following:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A I was baptised in the parish (by a Church of England service/form of baptism)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	B I have been confirmed (by a Church of England service) and my confirmation is entered in a register belonging to a Church or Chapel in the parish
	<input type="checkbox"/>	C My parent or grandparent was married in the parish by a Church of England service
	<input type="checkbox"/>	D I have had my usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months *
	<input type="checkbox"/>	E My parent has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime *
	<input type="checkbox"/>	F I have habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months **
	<input type="checkbox"/>	G My parent has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime **
Note:		
In the Church of England Marriage Measure a parent means:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a parent of either a legitimate or an illegitimate child; or • an adoptive parent (This requires legal adoption); or • a person “who has undertaken the care and upbringing” of another person. 		
For a grandparent one of the above three types of relationship must apply between each generation and the next, i.e. between the grandparent and the parent and between the parent and the person completing the form.		

Evidence of a parental or grandparental relationship may be evidenced by the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal knowledge confirmed by a letter from the Minister for the parish in which you wish to marry;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal knowledge confirmed by letter of another person holding office or serving in the parish, or who has done so in the past;
<input type="checkbox"/>	By supplying a birth certificate or certified copy for the child (or parent where seeking to establish a grand parental link);
<input type="checkbox"/>	By supplying a certified copy of an entry in the baptismal register for the child (or parent where seeking to establish a grand parental link);
<input type="checkbox"/>	For adoption, by supplying a certificate of adoption (replacing the original birth certificate)

For cases where one person has undertaken the care and upbringing of another and where confirmation cannot be provided by the minister nor by a person holding office or serving in the parish, if possible the information should come from an independent person who has a professional relationship with the family (e.g. Doctor, teacher, solicitor). Where information can only be provided by a close relative a statutory declaration may be required.

SECTION 2

Does any of the documentation (on which you are relying to show your connection with the parish):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give a name for you which is different from the one you have used on this application: or 	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give the surname for any parent or grandparent of yours which is different from your surname as set out on this form? 	Yes	No

If **Yes** please:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> give the previous/other name(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain how the difference has arisen and
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if the reason for the difference between the names is that you have changed your name, explain when and how the change(s) took place and provide any documentary information (e.g. adoption certificate, marriage certificate, deed poll for change of name)

PLEASE COMPLETE ONLY THOSE PART(S) OF SECTION 3 WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE BOX(ES) YOU HAVE TICKED IN SECTION 1 ABOVE

SECTION 3

Please see the House of Bishops' guidance on the Church of England Marriage Measure explaining the documents and information which must be produced to establish a qualifying connection.

Please complete your answers on a separate piece of paper if necessary.

A. I was baptised in the parish (by a Church of England service/form of baptism)

When were you baptised:

Where were you baptised:

What documentary or other information do you have for this?

Please submit a certified copy of the baptism register entry identifying the church to which entry belongs, a baptism certificate or a letter or statement from or on behalf of the person with custody of the register giving the date and place of baptism as shown on the register.

B. I have been confirmed (by a Church of England service) and my confirmation is entered in a register belong to a Church or Chapel in the parish

When were you confirmed:

Where were you confirmed:

Who prepared you for confirmation:

In which register is your confirmation recorded:

What documentary or other information do you have for this?

Please submit a certified copy of the entry in the confirmation register, identifying the church to which the entry belongs, written confirmation from or on behalf of the person with custody of the register giving the date and place of confirmation, or a confirmation certificate.

C. My parent or grandparent was married in the parish by Church of England service

When did the marriage take place:

Where did the marriage take place:

Please give names of the parties to the marriage, and state how the relevant party/parties are related to you:

Party	Relation

What documentary or other information do you have for this?

Please submit a certified copy of the relevant entry in the marriage register, marriage certificate or written details of the entry from or on behalf of the person with custody of the register.

Please also provide evidence of the relationship of parent or grandparent – see Section 1 for what is appropriate evidence.

D.

I have had my usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months

This can apply whether or not you are still resident in the parish

- Please give each address at which you have been resident in the parish; and
- Please give dates between which that address was/has been your usual place of residence

Address 1:

Date from:

Date to:

Address 2:

Date from:

Date to:

Address 3:

Date from:

Date to:

What documentary or other information do you have for the above?

Please submit evidence of the above – for example: a letter from the Minister or another person holding office or serving in the relevant parish or a letter from some other independent person such as a doctor, solicitor or former parish priest.

In the absence of this, residence may be established by producing utility bills, council tax bills, bank or building society statements, social security benefit book, entry on electoral roll, rent book, official correspondence from a government department, local authority or other public authority. Documents provided should cover at least the 6 month period for which residence is being claimed.

E.	My parent has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime This can apply whether or not your parent(s) is/are still resident in the parish		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please give each address at which a parent of yours has been resident in the parish; and 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please give the name(s) of the parent(s) resident there; and 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please give dates between which that address is/was his/her/their usual place of residence 		
Address 1:			
Date from:		Date to:	
Address 2:			
Date from:		Date to:	
What documentary or other information do you have for the above? Please submit evidence for the above – for examples see the evidence listed in respect of category D above. Please also submit evidence proving that these are your parents - see section 1 above. You may also need to produce your birth certificate to prove that residence was during your lifetime.			
F.	I have habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months This can apply whether or not you are still attending worship in the parish		
When did you begin to attend public worship habitually in the parish:			
If you no longer attend, when did this end:			
Please state where you worshipped in the parish during this period:			
Please state how often/on what occasions:			
Please state what types of services you attended:			

What documentary or other information do you have for the above?		
Please submit evidence of the above – for example: a letter from the Minister giving his personal account of your attendance or a letter from a former parish priest or some other independent person, for example a Sunday school teacher.		
G.	My parent has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime This can apply whether or not your parent(s) is/are still attending worship in the parish	
When did your parent(s) begin to attend public worship habitually in the parish:		
If that is no longer the case, when did it end:		
Please give his/her /their address(es) over that period		
Address(es):		
What documentary or other information do you have for the above?		
Please submit evidence of the above – for example: a letter from the Minister giving his personal account of your parent's attendance or a letter from a former parish priest or some other independent person, for example a Sunday school teacher.		
SECTION 4		
WE HEREBY CONFIRM the answers given above are true and correct. We understand and agree that enquiries may be made with the relevant UK authorities including government departments and the UK Border Agency in order to verify the information provided and we hereby consent to our personal details being disclosed		
Applicants' Signatures:		
	Bride	Groom
Signature:		
Full Name:		
Date:		

PLEASE RETURN the completed form with the appropriate supporting documents with Form ML 1 (Particulars of Application for a Common Licence) to:

The Diocesan Registry, Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington WA4 4GE

The Diocesan Registry contact details are as follows:

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