



Ceremony Template

Welcome and Introduction:

Good [morning/afternoon/evening], ladies and gentlemen, family, and friends. We gather here today to celebrate the love and commitment between [Couple's Names]. On behalf of [Couple's Names], I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. Thank you for joining us on this joyous occasion.

My name is Tracey Button and I am authorized by the Government of New Zealand to conduct this ceremony as a registered independent marriage celebrant.

Opening Remarks:

Marriage is a sacred bond, a union of two souls embarking on a lifelong journey together. Today, we witness the joining of [Couple's Names] in marriage, a celebration of their love, commitment, and shared dreams.

Before we begin, [Couples Names], I invite you to take a minute to look around this group of people. These are the people that you have invited to be part of your special day, these are the people that support you both in your relationship. Look around at the love you have for you both. We also take a moment to reflect on those special ones that are unable to join us today and that our thoughts are with them as we celebrate this moment together.

Declaration of Intent:

Now we focus on the two of you.... [Partners names] you will now commit to marriage in front of your nearest and dearest.

[Partners name], do you come here freely to marry [partners name] today? I DO
[Partners name], will you love him/her and honour him/her, today and always? I WILL

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Exchange of Vows:

[Couple's Names], Please face each other and hold hands. You have both taken time to reflect on your relationship and what life will look like moving forward together and from that you have written vows that you will be sharing with one another today.

[Partners Name], I ask that you take a moment, breath and proceed to share those vows with [Partners Name].

[PERSONAL VOWS WRITTEN BY THE COUPLE TO BE INSERTED HERE]



[Partners name], I now invite you to take a moment, breath and proceed to share your vows with [Partners Name].

[PERSONAL VOWS WRITTEN BY THE COUPLE TO BE INSERTED HERE]

[Partners Name], please repeat after me: I, [Partner's Name], take you, [Partner's Name], to be my lawfully wedded partner, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until death do us part.

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Exchange of Rings:

May we have the rings, please? The wedding rings are a symbol of the unbroken circle of love, representing the eternal nature of marriage. As you place these rings on each other's fingers, may they serve as a constant reminder of the vows you have made today.

[partners name], I give you this ring as a visible and constant symbol of my promise to be with you for as long as I live

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Declaration of Marriage:

By the power vested in me, I now pronounce you legally married. You may seal your vows with a kiss.

[Kiss]

Presentation of the Couple:

Ladies and gentlemen, we now come to the part of the ceremony where we will do the official paperwork. Please turn to your neighbor and enjoy time to interact with one another while we ask for [Couples Names] and their witnesses [witnesses names] to come and sign the official documentation.

Presentation of the Couple:

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to present to you for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. [Last Name]. May your love continue to grow and flourish as you embark on this beautiful journey together.

Closing Remarks:

As we conclude this ceremony, let us celebrate the love that has united [Couple's Names]. May their marriage be filled with joy, laughter, and endless blessings. We invite you all to join us in at the reception area to continue the festivities and raise a toast to the newlyweds.