

# Weddings at Edge Church

## CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND YOUR FIANCÉ!

Your marriage is a significant and meaningful occasion. As you consider getting married by one of our ministers, our desire is for your wedding ceremony and marriage to be as joyful and meaningful as possible.

We place a high value on the marriage relationship and we wish to ensure that marriages celebrated at Edge Church reflect a similar high regard for marriage and are adequately prepared for marriage. We are committed to good marriages and will give of our time and resources to this end.

We know that you will also want to invest your time and resources in preparing for your whole marriage, as you will for your special wedding day.

While getting married is an exciting and memorable time, the process and documentation required for a legal marriage can be confusing and stressful. Our team and Marriage Officer will guide you through the process. There are very specific protocols to follow and we would like to ensure that the registration of your marriage at Home Affairs is successful.

Providing you with initial information is essential for us to guide you correctly through the process, giving you peace of mind and allowing you to make informed decisions and choices. Here is an outline of the process. Should you wish to go ahead and request an initial meeting, there is a link to a form at the end of the document.

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## OUR PROCESS



Submit  
Wedding Form



Meet With  
Our Team



Pre-marital  
Questionnaire



Pre-marriage  
Course/  
Counselling



Prepare  
Documentation



Rehearsal  
& Legal  
Signing



Wedding  
Ceremony

## OUR 2026 FEE INCLUDES

- Pre-wedding appointment to discuss your wedding and marriage with our team
- The wedding ceremony and legal signing of marriage register by a Marriage Officer
- The administration, preparation and submission all documentation for registration at SA Home Affairs
- Travel to and from the wedding venue within a 50km radius of Cape Town

**\*If outside of the 50km radius of Cape Town, then accommodation for the officiant needs to be covered (to be discussed through the church office).**

Fee information will be provided on completion of the form at the end of this page.

## MEET THE TEAM

The aim of the initial meeting is to provide an overview of the process, explain the legal requirements, review the necessary documents, discuss a basic outline of a typical ceremony, and allow the various parties to determine whether they are comfortable proceeding.

Once this initial meeting has taken place and the decision to move forward with wedding arrangements has been made, the pre-marriage course facilitators will proceed with the Pre-Marital Questionnaire and Course.

## PRE-MARITAL QUESTIONNAIRE & PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

This process includes completing a questionnaire that evaluates various aspects of the couple's relationship. Our follow-up conversations provide feedback based on the responses and are designed to help the couple strengthen areas where growth may be needed.

The pre-marital course is mandatory for all couples who wish to be married by an Edge Church pastor. Our heart is to intentionally prepare each couple for a strong, healthy, and successful marriage. Through pre-marital conversations, couples are encouraged to discuss topics related to marriage, such as, finances, communication, beliefs and values, roles in marriage, affection, children and parenting, family relationships, decision-making, dealing with anger, and time spent together.

Pre-marital counselling helps partners improve their ability to communicate, set realistic expectations for marriage and develop conflict-resolution skills. Each party brings their own values, opinions and history into a relationship, and they might not always match that of the other party. By discussing differences and expectations before marriage, both parties can better understand and support each other during marriage.

The pre-marriage course is conducted over five weeks in a small group setting consisting of up to five couples, led by trained facilitators. This group experience is followed by two individual one-on-one sessions with the facilitators. The fees for these sessions are included in the overall quote. We recommend that couples complete the Pre-Marriage Course between three and six months prior to the wedding date to allow sufficient time for meaningful preparation.

## PREPARE DOCUMENTATION

All supporting documents are to be provided at least 1 month before the wedding, if not earlier. These include:

- Certified copies of the original SA ID card of both Bride and Groom
- 3 ID photos each of Bride and Groom
- Certified copies of ID card/passport of witnesses
- If divorced – a certified copy of the Final Divorce Decree
- If widowed – a certified copy of the Death Certificate of the deceased spouse
- If under 21 – parental consent forms
- If marrying Out of Community of Property, an original or certified copy of a letter from your Lawyer confirming your ANC (Ante Nuptial Contract)
- If either party is not a SA Citizen, there are a variety of additional documents required, and may need to include an immigration interview. This legal process will take more time to prepare.

Fingerprinting is done on signing of the marriage documentation at the rehearsal.

## REHEARSAL AND LEGAL SIGNING

This takes place in the days preceding the wedding and includes the key wedding party / witnesses and the signing of paperwork.

Should you wish to go ahead, and request an initial meeting with the team, [click here](#) and fill in the form to start the process.