

## **Application for Remarriage of Divorced Persons In the Diocese of Sydney**

Clergy wishing to officiate at a marriage ceremony being held in the Anglican Diocese of Sydney involving a person who has been divorced, and the former spouse is still alive, need to seek the approval of the Regional Bishop of the region in which the wedding is taking place.

The officiating minister is to complete the application form and have the intended groom and bride sign the privacy consent at the bottom of the first page. The minister (not the bride and groom) completes the rest of the document.

Copies of the decree absolute do not need to be sent to the Registrar's office. However the officiating minister needs to sight the decree absolute. The details of previous marriage(s) section for both the intended groom and bride need to be fully completed.

(Incomplete applications will not be processed or approved.) If the decree absolute is not in English, you need to arrange for it to be translated into English.

When completing the form please use full dates not just the year and the complete registration number of the divorce e.g. (P) SYD 2901/2003. If the divorce was not from the Family Court of Australia please specify the details of the court including country, state/county, jurisdiction etc.

This form needs to be returned to the Diocesan Registrar's Office at **least one month** prior to the date of the wedding. If sent after this time there is no guarantee that it will be processed in time for the wedding.

As part of the new process if the application is approved you will receive an email stating this and asking you to reply via email once the wedding has taken place to confirm the details or to let us know that the wedding did not take place. You will also still receive via the post the official approval sheet which needs to be put in your wedding register book.

If you have any questions about this process please contact Ms Kirsty Grugan, PA to the Diocesan Registrar.

Completed forms can be scanned and returned via email: [ardp@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:ardp@sydney.anglican.asn.au) or post: Diocesan Registrar, PO Box Q190, QVB Post Office NSW 1230