

Marriage Certificate Help Sheet

Age:
Please note that the age given by the bride and groom at the time of marriage, is only as accurate as they believe it to be.

Occupation:
Bride and groom's occupation at the time of marriage.

Heading:
This tells you where the marriage took place. The district name is usually repeated at the bottom of the certificate.

Name and profession of father:
Please note that with the exception of an adoptive father, the name entered in this column, must be that of the birth father.

Date of Marriage

Entry number in the marriage register.

Name and Surname:
These are the names given by the bride and groom at the time of their marriage.

Residence at the time of marriage:
Until 1995, for a marriage to take place in a register office, one of the couple had to live within that registration district. Please note that this rule did not always apply to couples marrying in a parish church.

Condition: This refers to the marital status at the time of marriage, eg, bachelor/spinster, widow/widower or previous marriage dissolved.

Signatures of Witnesses:
This could be marked with an 'X' if the person could not write.

Signature of Superintendent Registrar

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These are the initials of the person who produced the certificate.

Columns - No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	When married	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father

Married in the _____ by _____ by me,

This marriage was solemnized between us, { } in the presence of us, { }

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of _____
Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 22nd day of September 2004

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GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE
ENGLAND

Column 1: When married

- date of marriage

Column 2: Name and surname

- names given by the bride and groom at the time of their marriage

Column 3: Age

- the age given by the bride and groom at the time of marriage, is only as accurate as they believe it to be
- the ages can be useful when calculating a year of birth. 'Full' may be recorded as the age and this indicates that the age was 21 or over

Column 4: Condition

- marital status at the time of marriage, e.g. bachelor/spinster, widow/widower or previous marriage dissolved

Column 5: Rank or profession

- bride and groom's occupation at the time of marriage, or last known occupation. Sometimes the bride has no occupation stated

Column 6: Residence at the time of marriage

- until 1995, for a marriage to take place in a register office, one of the couple had to live within that registration district. Couples marrying in a parish church needed to live in the parish in which they were marrying

Column 7: Father's name and surname

- this information assists when tracing birth entries of the bride/groom
- if a line is drawn through this column it indicates that this information was not given at the time of the marriage

Column 8: Rank or profession of father

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