

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

Thank you for considering the Registry General to formalise your Domestic Partnership.

- The Domestic Partnership Act, 2018 becomes effective June 1, 2018 and same sex marriages will no longer be available in Bermuda.
- Same sex couples wishing to formalise their relationship may do so as Domestic Partners.
- The Domestic Partnership Act 2018 defines a domestic partnership as being between two persons who meet the following criteria:
 - Are both over the age of 18 years
 - Neither of whom is currently married, or already in another domestic partnership or overseas relationship
 - The relationship is not within the prohibited degrees of domestic partnership as set out in Schedule 1 of the Act, such as, for example, a relationship between parent and child or between siblings
 - If the couple is in compliance with the conditions outlined in the Act, they, whether same-sex or heterosexual, can formalise their relationship as a domestic partnership
- When giving notice for a domestic partnership the following must be evident: -
 - Notice of an intended domestic partnership must be given to the Registrar General in the prescribed form. One of the persons of the intended domestic partnership must appear before the Registrar to give notice and make a statutory declaration stating that:
 - The parties are both 18 years and older;
 - Neither party is currently married, in a domestic partnership or overseas relationship;
 - The parties are not within the prohibited degrees of domestic partnership;
 - The particulars of the notice are true; and,
 - There is no other lawful impediment to the intended domestic partnership
- Once a notice of the intended domestic partnership is received at the Registry General, the Registrar is required to enter the particulars of the notice and the date of receipt in the Domestic Partnership Notice Register, and keep the notice posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the Registrar for a period of fourteen days from the date of receipt. The Registrar, within three days of the receipt of the notice, shall process the publication of the notice twice in any newspaper circulated in Bermuda.
- At any time not later than three months nor earlier than fourteen days after the receipt of the notice of domestic partnership, a licence for a domestic partnership is issuable in the prescribed form to either of the parties to the domestic partnership, if no lawful impediment to the domestic partnership has been shown to the Registrar's satisfaction and if no caveat opposing the domestic partnership has been entered.
 - Formalization of a domestic partnership may only be conducted by either the Registrar, Assistant Registrar, or a Domestic Partnership Officer (on appointment by the Minister) at the office of the Registrar or an alternative approved location.
 - Domestic partnerships can also be formalised on board Bermuda registered ships (e.g. cruise ships) when the ships are on the high seas. The formalisation of Maritime Domestic Partnerships may only be

conducted by either the master of the ship or a person who is second-in-command (when acting as the master of the ship) and appointed as a Domestic Partnership Officer.

Formalisation can be scheduled:

Monday – Friday

10am – 4pm [Last formalisation must start at 3:30pm]

Saturday

10am – 12pm [Last formalisation must start at 11:30am]

Domestic Partnerships can be formalised at Venues outside of the Registry General

Department of Parks Contact: 441-236-5902 or parks@gov.bm

- ☞ Admiralty House Park
- ☞ Arboretum
- ☞ Astwood Park
- ☞ Blue Hole Hill Park
- ☞ Botanical Gardens
- ☞ Chaplin Bay Beach
- ☞ Church Bay Beach
- ☞ Devonshire Bay Park
- ☞ Fort St. Catherine
- ☞ Elbow Beach [Public beach as accessed from Tribe Road 4B, Paget]
- ☞ Ferry Point Park
- ☞ Great Head Park
- ☞ Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Park
- ☞ Horseshoe Bay Beach
- ☞ John Smith's Bay Beach
- ☞ Jobson's Cove Beach
- ☞ Scaur Hill Fort Park
- ☞ Shelly Bay Beach
- ☞ Somerset Long Bay Beach
- ☞ Spanish Point Park
- ☞ Stonehole Bay
- ☞ St. David's Lighthouse Park
- ☞ Tobacco Bay Beach
- ☞ Warwick Long Bay Beach

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- ☞ Victualling Yard – Dockyard

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the
Registry General 297-7709.