

**PART VIII Terminology**

AG = Attorney-General

AGD = Attorney-General's Department

BDM = Births, Deaths & Marriages

Category A = Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision A Ministers of religion*

Category B = Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision B State and Territory officers*

Category C = Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision C Authorised Celebrants*

Civil Celebrants = Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision C Authorised Celebrants – authorised to conduct "civil ceremonies"*

CoCA = Coalition of Celebrant Associations (CoCA) Inc.

CMC = Civil Marriage Celebrant

Independent Celebrants = Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision C Authorised Celebrants*

MLCS = Marriage Law and Celebrant Section of the Attorney-General's Department

NARC = Non-Aligned Religious Celebrant (Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision C Authorised Celebrants – authorised to conduct "religious ceremonies"*)

OPD = Ongoing Professional Development

Recognised Religious Celebrants = Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision A Ministers of religion*

*Registry Marriage Officers* = Marriage celebrants appointed under *Marriage Act 1961 Part IV Div. 1 Subdivision B State and Territory officers*

RIS = Recovery Impact Statement

The Act = The Marriage Act 1961

The Department = Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department