

## Summary of conflict of interest and benefit to business guidelines

CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE*	
Solemnising marriages of family members and friends.	
Solemnising marriages of couples to whom you are providing additional services for a fee, so long as you manage any potential conflict of interest, for example by declaring your interests, offering couples a choice on which services they purchase, and clearly indicating your cancellation terms and conditions to couples (eg in your quote or contract).	
GENERALLY NOT ACCEPTABLE**	
Solemnising marriages for couples to whom you have provided or will provide migration assistance, consistent with the Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) Code of Conduct for Registered Migration Agents.	
Solemnising marriages in your capacity as an employee of a business (for example, as an in-house celebrant) without satisfying the Registrar of the arrangements you have in place to effectively manage any conflict of interest	
BENEFIT TO BUSINESS	
GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE*	
In addition to your celebrancy fee, offering to and charging couples for other services, including, but not limited to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>accessories for the ceremony (sand, jars, ribbons, chairs, runners, arches etc)</li> <li>fees for same-day lodgement of paperwork</li> <li>venue hire</li> <li>MC or DJ services</li> <li>wedding planning</li> <li>photography</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hair and make-up</li> <li>catering</li> <li>flowers</li> <li>dress hire</li> <li>car hire</li> <li>pre-marriage counselling</li> </ul>
Working in partnership with your spouse or others to provide marriage-related services.	
GENERALLY NOT ACCEPTABLE**	
Offering celebrancy services only where your other business would benefit. For example, by not allowing couples a choice to refuse particular goods/services offered by the celebrant	

\* 'Generally acceptable' means that performing these activities generally will not mean that a person is not a fit and proper person to be a marriage celebrant under section 39C of the Act.

\*\* 'Generally unacceptable' means that performing these activities generally will mean that a person is not a fit and proper person to be a marriage celebrant under section 39C of the Act.

As stated above, each case must be assessed on its individual merits.

## Further information

If you require further guidance please contact the **Marriage Law and Celebrants Section** of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department:

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