

Title	Department: Place	Post Ref.
Ceremony Officer	Registration & Celebratory Services	

Job Purpose

To perform the statutory functions necessary to conduct and register marriage, civil partnership and citizenship ceremonies in register offices and approved premises. To perform non-statutory ceremonies including renewal of vows, naming, civil funerals and memorials.

Key Responsibilities

- 1. Provide exceptional standards of customer service to the public, stakeholders and colleagues.
- 2. Conduct ceremonies in line with statutory responsibilities and service standards in register offices, premises licensed for ceremonies, or other locations.
- 3. Accurately and neatly record the legal information required in registers and issue relevant certificates within time limitations. Account for stock in accordance with statute.
- 4. To welcome, manage and direct customers at ceremonies.
- 5. Ensure payments are received, recorded and accurately accounted for.
- 6. Assist with promotion and marketing of the Service, taking every opportunity to raise the profile of the Service.
- 7. Be prepared to work across the county if necessary, to cover periods of sickness and holidays.

Key Accountabilities

- 1. Comply with General Register Office New Governance procedures for registration and celebratory services.
- 2. Carry out duties within the legislation for marriages, civil partnerships and citizenship ceremonies.
- 3. Manage registration security stock in accordance with relevant legislation and guidance, ensuring adequate supplies and security.
- 4. Carry out ceremony duties in line with health and safety procedures and alert manager of any potential compliance issues.
- 5. Demonstrate awareness and understanding of equal opportunities and peoples' needs and requirements, using appropriate behaviour and language.
- 6. Adhere to the Council's financial regulations.

The post holder will perform any duty or task that is appropriate for the role described

Person Specification

Education and Knowledge

- 1. GCSE/NVQ2 or equivalent in Maths or evidence of good standard of basic arithmetic.
- 2. GCSE/NVQ2 or equivalent in English or evidence of high standard of written and spoken English with clear, legible handwriting.
- 3. Able to account accurately for money and official documents.
- 4. Evidence of ability to use a range of IT systems, including Microsoft Office, email and Internet.

Experience

- 9. Experience of public speaking/presenting and ability to command the attention of a large audience.
- 10. Proven customer service skills, including dealing with difficult customers.
- 11. Ability to demonstrate empathy and sensitivity in conflict and emotive situations.
- 12. Experience of understanding and applying complex legislation, regulations or set guidelines and instructions.
- 13. Good understanding of data protection issues. Proven experience in maintaining confidentiality of sensitive/personal information.
- 14. Experience of working efficiently using own initiative as well as following instructions.

Personal skills and general competencies

- 5. Puts into practice the Council's commitment to excellent customer care.
 - 6. Works efficiently and effectively and actively looks for ways of improving services and outcomes for customers.
 - 7. Works well with colleagues but also able to work on their own initiative.
 - 8. Shares the Council's commitment to providing a safe environment for customers and staff and also treating all with respect and consideration

Role Dimensions

- 15. Demonstrate a good standard of accuracy and responsibility in accounting for receipt of payments and stock control for legal documents.
- 16. Represent the Council in a professional and business-like manner, and in accordance with the highest customer service standards.
- 17. Experience in working with customers in a wide range of situations, able to be sensitive whilst maintaining professionalism.
- 18. Full driving licence and access to a vehicle travel between ceremony venues is essential.