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# The WEDDING GUIDE

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## *“The Promise” must be kept*

When the first Bahamas Bridal Show was held, I took a chance and inserted “first annual.” Back in 1990, I didn’t imagine this event would continue for nearly 30 years, with 40-plus businesses in full support and an average of 1,000 people attending each year.

It’s always been my greatest pleasure to work with and witness the enthusiasm, commitment and creativity of each exhibitor that has participated in the show. I wish we kept better records from the start to remember all 1,000-plus businesses that have helped to make the Bahamas Bridal Show a household name.

Much appreciation is extended to our repeat exhibitors as we now welcome the most first-time exhibitors (25) in the history of this show:

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While this show is based in Nassau, we also staged this event in Freeport, Grand Bahama, for five years, from 2000-2004. Our models and crew now assist with a bridal show there.

Today, I give special thanks to Mrs. Sherry Matthews who assisted with the start of the show and inspired me and Buttons Bridal & Formal Wear to organize this spectacular event in 1990 when the first show was held at Le Meridien Royal Bahamian hotel (now Sandals).

It’s also time, to not only express gratitude to the many volunteers for their wonderful support and invaluable contributions, but to honour some for loyalty and efforts for at least 10 years. These persons could produce the Bahamas Bridal show in my absence:

*Nicole Henderson-Smith,  
Walter Charlton, Lyndon Johnson,  
Stephen Robinson, Brad Hanna,  
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Ruth Fawkes, Danny Stubbs,  
Nat Butler, Andy Ford, Sean Gibson,  
and my wife, Makeva Wallace*

It’s so fitting that the 30th annual Bahamas Bridal Show’s theme is “The Promise.” A lot of us kept our promises with the show. It is my hope that every couple here today will keep their promises to each other and make our country a much better place to live in peace, love and harmony.

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For many brides-to-be, price is the biggest factor in determining which gowns to wear. For some, style is key to making a purchase. As for others, it is *pure emotion!*

Either way, you need to make smart, educated decisions about the gowns for you and your bridal party. By establishing guidelines and a set of priorities, you can make your search for the perfect gowns a lot easier.

### **The most important questions are:**

#### **What kind of wedding is planned?**

The styles you choose will depend on the formality and style of the wedding itself. Typically, the more formal the wedding, the more formal your gowns should be for you, the bride, bridesmaids, flower girl and usherettes.

#### **What is your wedding date?**

The wedding date is critical since some fabrics and styles are seasonally and some gowns might not be comfortable for the weather temperature at the time of your wedding.

Many gowns are special orders and require much as four months for delivery. Even if you purchase gowns that are ready for immediate shipment, it may still require time for alterations.

#### **How much can you spend?**

Establish how much you have to spend on your wedding gown and have an idea on how much your bridal party members can afford for their gowns. They will also need to purchase accessories, such as headpieces, shoes, gloves and jewellery. Their package could average \$300.

The average price brides are willing to spend on a wedding gown is \$900. Add headpiece, veil, shoes, jewellery and the price will easily exceed \$1,200 for the bride's complete attire. To save a few hundred dollars, consider renting a gown which range from \$250 to \$400.

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Choosing a bridal registry will certainly help take the guesswork out of receiving wedding gifts. Discuss your preferences with an experienced registry consultant when you're ready to make selections. Sign up with a registry at least three months before the wedding.

While department stores are most recognized for gift selections, realty companies, and furniture and appliance stores are now offering similar services. Registries will also keep a list of what your guests have purchased for you. That way, you will be able to follow-up with a Thank You note.

*The following checklist can help you consider what you might need for your new home:*

### **DINNERWARE**

- dinner plates
- salad plates
- dessert plates
- soup & cereal bowls
- fruit bowls
- tea cups
- coffee mugs
- saucers
- sugar bowl
- creamer
- vegetable servers
- casserole servers
- serving bowls
- gravy boat
- tea pot
- serving tray

### **CRYSTAL/ GLASSWARE**

- champagne glasses/  
sherberts
- martini glasses
- brandy snifters
- multi-purpose glassware

### **FLATWARE**

- spoons, forks & knives
- salad forks (smaller)
- soup spoons
- teaspoons
- butter spreader
- cake server
- salad servers

### **KITCHEN/COOKING**

- microwave
- blender
- coffeemaker
- can opener
- electric knife sharpener
- bread maker
- cookware set
- frying pans
- skillets (deep frying)
- casserole dishes

### **CUTLERY**

- utility knives
- carving knives
- chef knife
- steak knife set
- cutting board

### **HOME ELECTRONICS**

- LDC television
- stereo
- compact disc player/CD
- video cassette  
recorder (VCR)
- answering machine
- clock/radio
- digital camera
- video camera

### **BATH**

- shower curtain
- mats & rugs
- clothes hamper

### **BATH (continued)**

- trash can
- bath towels
- hand towels
- face cloths
- weight scale
- accessories  
(soap dish, toothbrush  
holder, tissue box)

### **LINENS**

- fitted sheets
- flat sheets
- bed skirt
- pillow cases
- pillow shams
- comforters
- accent pillows (loose)
- blankets
- mattress protector

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

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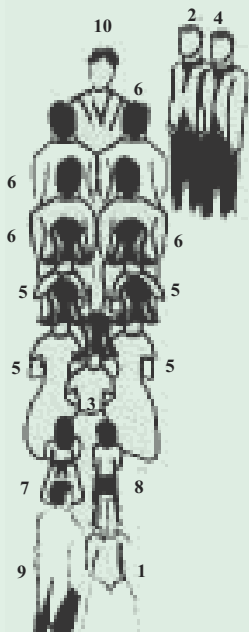
Father of the bride usually gives the bride away. However, other relatives, such as a stepfather, brother, uncle or even your mother, may give a bride away in marriage.

If your parents are divorced, your father may still perform this task, if you wish. It's a good idea to have a discussion with your stepfather beforehand on this matter.

## Seating at the Ceremony

Individual circumstances usually determine seating at the ceremony, but it's most important that everyone feels comfortable and happy with the arrangements. The pew reserved for the couple's family is often marked with flowers or ribbons at the front.

Other guests are next seated from front to back as they enter. Late-arriving guests should slip into back rows. Ushers must supervise seating arrangements.



1. Bride
2. Groom
3. Maid/Matron of Honor
4. Best Man
5. Bridesmaids
6. Groomsmen
7. Flower Girl
8. Ring Bearer
9. Father-Giver
10. Clergy



Processional (Entry)

Recessional (Exit)



## Who Pay\$ for Wedding?

*There will be much confusion as to who is responsible for what expenses when planning a wedding. To ease some tension, below is a summary of what each family may wish to pay:*

### **The Bride & Her Family:**

- Groom's wedding band and gift
- Formal wear for her father
- Accommodations & gifts for attendants
- Her gown and accessories
- Wedding flowers & all bouquets
- Invitations and other printed items
- Photography, videography, entertainment
- Wedding cake and rental items
- Transportation for bridal party
- Gift for bride and groom.

### **The Groom & His Family:**

- Engagement ring and wedding band
- Marriage license and clergy's fees
- Bride's bouquet and going-away corsage
- Corsages for both mothers & boutonnieres
- Honeymoon arrangements
- Rehearsal dinner
- Gift for bride and groom
- Formal wear for his father
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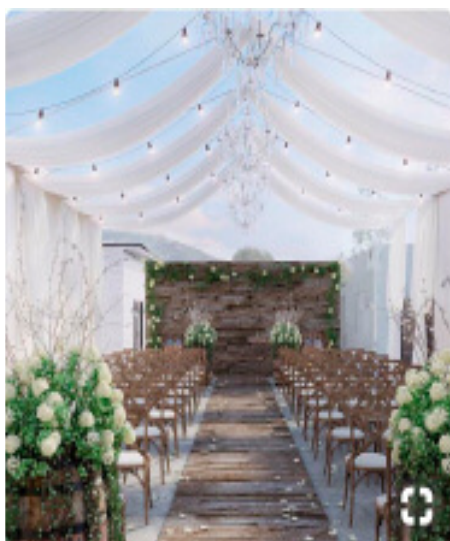


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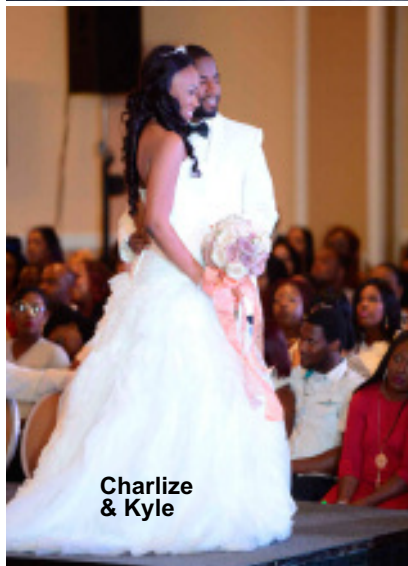
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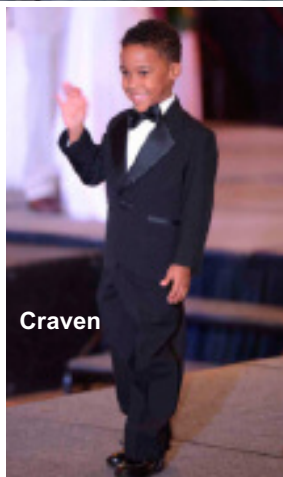
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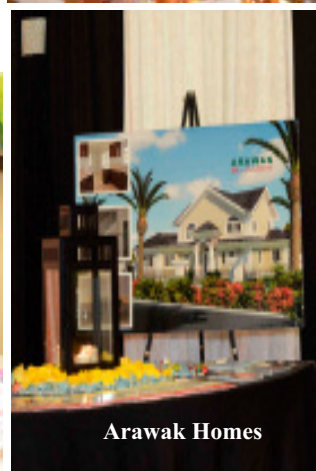


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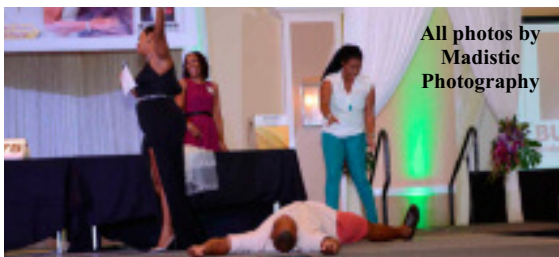
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# Annual Bahamas Bridal Show

## *where wedding dreams begin...*

- **1st Bahamas Bridal Show** - April 22, 1990, Le Meridien Royal Bahamian Hotel, Cable Beach; registered couples: 255; attendance: 805; exhibitors: 16.
  - **2nd Bahamas Bridal Show** - February 3, 1991, Le Meridien Royal Bahamian Hotel, Cable Beach; registered couples: 262; attendance: 1,008; retailers: 22.
  - **3rd Bahamas Bridal Show** - August 11, 1991, Wyndham Ambassador Beach Hotel, Cable Beach; registered couples: 274; attendance: 921; retailers: 25.
  - **4th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Where Wedding Dreams Begin" April 12, 1992, Le Meridien Royal Bahamian; registered couples: 291; attendance: 994; retailers: 26.
  - **5th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Wedding Dreams" March 21, 1993, Carnival's Crystal Palace; registered couples: 314; attendance: 1,123; retailers: 29.
  - **6th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Wedding Treasurers" April 24, 1994, Carnival's Crystal Palace; registered couples: 289; attendance: 1,205; retailers: 28.
  - **7th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Wedding Fantasies" March 19, 1995, Crystal Palace Resort, Cable Beach; registered couples: 303; attendance: 1,218; retailers: 32.
  - **8th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Forever Yours" March 10, 1996, Crystal Palace Resort; registered couples: 321; attendance: 1,278; retailers: 34.
  - **9th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Wedding Bells" March 9, 1997, Nassau Marriott Resort; registered couples: 328; attendance: 1,310; retailers: 36.
  - **10th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Weddings of a Lifetime" March 1, 1998, Nassau Marriott Resort; registered couples: 342; attendance: 1,406; retailers: 48.
  - **11th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "One True Love" February 21, 1999, Nassau Marriott Resort; registered couples: 363; attendance: 1,426; retailers: 55.
  - **12th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Millennium Brides" March 26, 2000, Nassau Marriott Resort; April 9, 2000, Resort at Bahamia, Freeport; registered couples: 411; attendance: 1,586; retailers: 68.
  - **13th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Always & Forever" April 1, 2001, Nassau Marriott Resort; April 8, 2001, Our Lucaya Resort, Freeport; registered couples: 508; attendance: 1,791; retailers: 78.
  - **14th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "From This Moment" March 10, 2002, Nassau Marriott Resort; March 17, 2002, Our Lucaya Resort, Freeport; registered couples: 498; attendance: 1,771; retailers: 81.
  - **15th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Wings of Love" March 30, 2003, Wyndham Nassau Resort; April 6, 2003, Our Lucaya Resort, Freeport; registered couples: 482; attendance: 1,725; retailers: 81.
  - **16th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Power of A Dream" March 28, 2004, Wyndham Nassau Resort; April 4, 2004, Crowne Plaza Resort, Freeport; registered couples: 461; attendance: 1,608; retailers: 72.
  - **17th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "A Time For Love" April 9-10, 2005, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 278; attendance: 1,104; retailers: 49.
  - **18th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Circle of Love" April 8-9, 2006, Radisson Cable Beach Resort; registered couples: 286; attendance: 718; retailers: 58.
  - **19th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "A Dream Come True" April 15, 2007, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 271; attendance: 988; retailers: 42.
  - **20th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Your Destiny" March 30, 2008, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 365; attendance: 1,412; exhibitors: 55.
  - **21st Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Two Hearts, One Beat" March 29, 2009, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 310; attendance: 1,398; exhibitors: 46.
  - **22nd Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Live Your Dreams" March 28, 2010, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 296; attendance: 1,405; exhibitors: 47.
  - **23rd Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Love & Cherish" March 27, 2011, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 371; attendance: 1,508; exhibitors: 49.
  - **24th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Magic of Love" March 25, 2012, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 384; attendance: 1,442; exhibitors: 43.
  - **25th Bahamas Bridal Show** - "Your Wedding Day" March 24, 2013, Wyndham Nassau Resort; registered couples: 256; attendance: 1,223; exhibitors: 41.
  - **26th Bahamas Bridal Show** "Here Comes the Bride" April 6, 2014, Melia Nassau Beach Resort & Rainforest Theatre; registered couples: 342; attendance: 1,045; exhibitors: 35.
  - **27th Bahamas Bridal Show** "The One" March 22, 2015, Melia Nassau Beach Resort; registered couples: 312; attendance: 780; exhibitors: 37.
  - **28th Bahamas Bridal Show** "Happily Ever After" March 13, 2016, Melia Nassau Beach Resort; registered couples: 283; attendance: 892; exhibitors: 46.
  - **29th Bahamas Bridal Show** "A New Day" April 2, 2017, Melia Nassau Beach All-inclusive; registered couples: 322; attendance: 912; exhibitors: 44.
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- **"Weddings in Paradise"** - September 26, 1993 Sheraton Grand Hotel, Paradise Island; registered couples: 232; attendance: 816; retailers: 20.

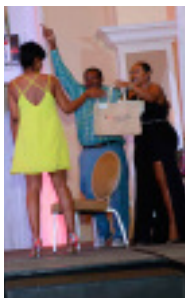
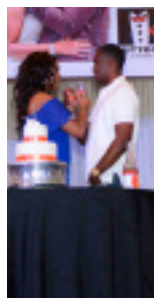




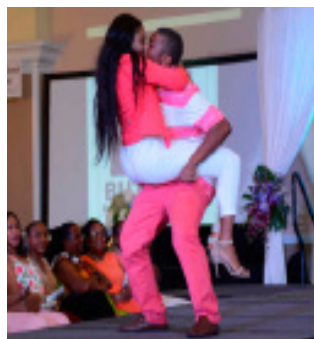
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# Wedding Calendar

Careful planning and scheduling will enable you to truly enjoy every moment of your Wedding Day. You should begin planning for a large formal wedding at least six months in advance.

Following a time-table will allow your wedding suppliers to provide the best quality products and service. It's customary for the bride and groom to share in the planning.

6 TO 12 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING		Notes
o Decide budget _____		
o Location of ceremony _____		
o Visit marriage officer _____		
o Choose reception site _____		
o Select gowns & accessories _____		
o Select men's formalwear _____		
o Select bridal registry _____		
o Select caterer _____		
o Select florist _____		
o Select photographer _____		
o Select videographer _____		
o Musicians for ceremony & reception _____		
o Compile guest list _____		
o Choose attendants _____		
o Maid of Honour _____		
o Best Man _____		
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<b>Others</b>		
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# Wedding Calendar

## 4 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

### Notes

- o Order Invitations, stationery \_\_\_\_\_
- o Order wedding rings (engraving) \_\_\_\_\_
- o Reserve rental items (tent, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- o Order wedding cake \_\_\_\_\_
- o Order decorations (balloons, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- o Reserve limousines \_\_\_\_\_
- o Locate place to live \_\_\_\_\_
- o Appointment for physical examination \_\_\_\_\_
- o Shop for home furnishings \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 TO 4 MONTHS BEFORE WEDDING

### Notes

- o Mail wedding invitations \_\_\_\_\_
- o Test new hairstyles \_\_\_\_\_
- o Rehearsal dinner plans \_\_\_\_\_
- o Final fitting of gowns and tuxedos \_\_\_\_\_
- o Wedding gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- o Finalize honeymoon plans (check luggage) \_\_\_\_\_
- o Living accommodations for visiting guests \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 TO 4 WEEKS BEFORE WEDDING

- o Visit bridal registry, record wedding gifts, start sending "Thank You" notes
- o Double check attire and accessories for bridal party
- o Make ceremony and reception (i.e. place cards) seating arrangement
- o Schedule appointments with hairstylist & manicurist
- o Begin packing for honeymoon and move to new residence
- o Have final meeting with caterer, florist, musicians, photographer, videographer, limousine drivers, printer (wedding programme), etc.
- o Arrange for name and address changes on bank account, credit cards, driver's license, insurances, passport, etc.
- o Set date and time to collect gowns & tuxedos
- o Pick up marriage license and have final meeting with marriage officer
- o Attend parties in your honour

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- ☐ Package #2 - \$575 includes:  
Gown, headpiece, veil, crinoline (slip)  
*Customer Keeps:*  
Shoes, gloves/bracelet, earrings, necklace
- ☐ Package #3 - \$950 includes:  
Gown, headpiece, veil, crinoline (slip)  
*Customer Keeps:*  
Shoes, garter, gloves or bracelet, ring  
pillow, earrings, necklace, guest book,  
pen/pet holder, aisle runner, cake  
server set, unity candles & candle  
holder, champagne toasting flutes

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## Tux styles are “endless”

The bride has always been the star of a wedding celebration. However, the groom is beginning to receive more attention, thanks for the most part, to the many fabulous choices in men’s formal-wear.

Even though tuxedos aren’t the only option on the board from which to choose, they are the favourite choice for weddings.

When one thinks of tuxedos, the first thing that comes to mind is James Bond: seated near his arch nemesis in a casino, tossing poker chips across the table with a devil-may-care expression on his face. The second thing about a tuxedo is an up-scale wedding. Almost every couple wants to look and feel like royalty, and willing to spend a little more to achieve their desire.

A suit is traditionally worn to the office, at job interviews and for a wedding guest, while a tuxedo stands alone as something only worn on very special occasions. The biggest difference between a tux and a suit is the presence of satin on a tux; a suit does not. Satin appears on the lapels, buttons and pocket lining of the tuxedo jacket, as well as a strip of satin down each pant leg. In contrast, suits have plastic or cloth-covered buttons and no satin whatever.

Tuxedos may also have additional components like a cummerbund or vest, while a suit may or may not be accompanied by a vest or suspenders.

The contemporary groom has let loose from those restrictions that were all too common in previous years, allowing for a more personal approach to his formal wear. This wedding season will be an exposé of mixing colours, self-declaration, and exploration into the styles of the past, with a touch of what is modern.

What’s underneath the tuxedo jacket has become the focal point to accomplishing a look of reverence mixed with style. The most common colours this spring are: *purple, aqua, royal blue, pink, and green in either earth tones or brighter shades.*

In wearing a 3-piece tuxedo, more often the vest is suited to complement the stitching of the jacket, while the tux accessories match the dresses. This makes the overall appearance of the tux stand out.

There is a vintage theme emerging into men’s wedding formalwear – the 1920’s style has reappeared, whether tux or suit. Men are back to a tight-fitting, single-breasted jacket with one or two buttons, and narrow tuxedo pants that aren’t tapered. A double-breasted jacket or scissor-tails will sneak into the mix, occasionally.

Even though an admiration of the classic style has returned, grooms can wear a variety of tux colours regardless of the time of year. Don’t anticipate any real neglect to standards of tux colours: *Black, white, ivory, greys, blues and more.* Look for all of them, and, oh, don’t forget the shoes! It’s all about the shoes noaways.

Typically, you should go with a lighter coloured tuxedo for warmer weather, like in the Bahamas, but the dark colours have become iconic and always makes a big splash for every formal event; mixed with the right blend of colour ties and vests, dark colour tux can be perfect for a wedding.

There’s no longer a desire for plain, boring men’s formal attire. There are many transitions to the tux styles, from classic to existing fashion, and even a mix of the two. Expect a new and stylish group of groomsmen this season.

The bride will likely be wearing the most expensive and amazing dress she’s ever worn on the wedding day. Hence, the groom will definitely want to complement the bride’s attire.



# Commonwealth of the Bahamas

## *Sample Application for a Marriage License*

(Form prescribed by the Registrar General under  
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Condition \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation or Calling \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age Last Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

How long resident in The Bahamas \_\_\_\_\_

Address in The Bahamas \_\_\_\_\_

Address Abroad \_\_\_\_\_

*(if not ordinarily resident in The Bahamas)*

Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_

### **NAME OF PERSON TO WHOM**

**TO BE MARRIED IN FULL** (block letters) \_\_\_\_\_

Condition \_\_\_\_\_

*(Spinster, Widow, Divorce)*

Occupation or Calling \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age Last Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

How long resident in The Bahamas \_\_\_\_\_

Address in The Bahamas \_\_\_\_\_

Address Abroad \_\_\_\_\_

*(if not ordinarily resident in The Bahamas)*

Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_

We (applicants) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that a Marriage has been agreed upon between us and that the foregoing particulars are in every respect true, and that we believe there is no impediment of blood relationship or other lawful hindrance to such Marriage, and we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** 1. The declaration should be made before any Marriage Officer, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or other person legally authorized to administer oaths.

2. If either of the parties herein described is under 18 years, a Certificate of the Consent of the Parents or Guardian in the prescribed form must be attached hereto.

3. If either of the parties has been divorced, a certified or authenticated copy of the final decree must be produced.

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# Prepare a Wedding Budget

A budget is most essential in planning a wedding. Without it, you are destined to have crisis or ruin relationships, even before the celebration begins.

It's important to sit down and carefully organize a reasonable budget prior to making any wedding arrangements. Once you're working with a budget, share specific information with your wedding suppliers so they can make appropriate recommendations in supplying your needs.

Below, write down what your budget will allow for the items, then note the actual cost for those items after getting confirmed quotes from suppliers. Try to stick to your budget - you will be happy in the end.

YOUR BUDGET	ACTUAL COST	ITEM DESCRIPTION
\$ _____	\$ _____	Catering
\$ _____	\$ _____	Beverage/Drinks
\$ _____	\$ _____	Reception Site
\$ _____	\$ _____	Rehearsal Dinner
\$ _____	\$ _____	Bride's Gown & Accessories
\$ _____	\$ _____	Groom's Wedding Attire
\$ _____	\$ _____	Wedding Rings
\$ _____	\$ _____	Invitations
\$ _____	\$ _____	Honeymoon & Travel
\$ _____	\$ _____	Music & Entertainment
\$ _____	\$ _____	Wedding Cake
\$ _____	\$ _____	Flowers
\$ _____	\$ _____	Photography
\$ _____	\$ _____	Video Service
\$ _____	\$ _____	Limousine Services
\$ _____	\$ _____	Hair Stylist
\$ _____	\$ _____	Gifts for Bridal Party Attendants
\$ _____	\$ _____	Ceremony Fees
\$ _____	\$ _____	Wedding Consulting Services
\$ _____	\$ _____	Decorations
\$ _____	\$ _____	Rental Items
\$ _____	\$ _____	Housing (mortgage, apartment)
\$ _____	\$ _____	All Others
\$ _____	\$ _____	
\$ _____	\$ _____	<b>TOTALS</b> _____

*NOTE:* There is generally no extra charge for the reception facility if a hotel is providing the catering services.



# Marriage Vows: *Dearly Beloved...*

## **Minister:**

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the face of this company to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is commended to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly and solemnly. Into this holy estate these two persons present now come to be joined. If any person can show just cause why they may not be joined together let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Marriage is the union of husband and wife in heart, body and mind. It's intended for their mutual joy and for the help and comfort given on another in prosperity and adversity. But more importantly, it's a means thru which a stable & loving environment may be attained.

We are here today before God because marriage is one of His most sacred wishes, to witness the joining in marriage of (Groom's name) and (Bride's name). This occasion marks the celebration of love and commitment with which this man and this woman begin their life together. And now, through me, He joins you together in one of the holiest bonds.

Who give this woman in marriage to this man?

**Response from Bride's Father/Giver:** I do.

**Minister:** This is a beginning and a continuation of their growth as individuals. With mutual care, respect, responsibility and knowledge comes the affirmation of each one's own life happiness, growth and freedom. With respect for individual boundaries comes the freedom to love unconditionally.

This relationship stands for love, loyalty, honesty and trust, but most of all for friendship. Before they knew love, they were friends, and it was from this seed of friendship that is their destiny.

Marriage is an act of faith and a personal commitment as well as a moral and physical union between two people. Marriage has been described as the best and most important relationship that can exist between them.

## **Exchange of Vows**

**Minister to Groom, then Bride:**

Do you (name of Groom/Bride) take (name of Bride/Groom) to be your wife/husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony?

Will you love her/him, comfort her/him, honor and keep her/him, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and

continually bestow upon her/him your heart's deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her/him as long as you both shall live?

**Response from Groom/Bride:** I will.

## **Exchange of Wedding Rings**

**Minister:**

What token of your love do you offer?

Would you place the rings in my hand?

May these rings be blessed as the symbol of this affectionate unity. These two lives are now joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever they go, may they always return to one another. May these two find in each other the love for which all men and women yearn. May they grow in understanding and in compassion. May the home which they establish together be such a place that many will find there a friend. May these rings on their fingers symbolize the touch of the spirit of love in their hearts. *(Minister gives ring to the Groom)*

**Minister to Groom:** (Groom's name), in placing this ring on (Bride's name) finger, repeat after me:

(Bride's name), you are now consecrated to me as my wife from this day forward and I give you this ring as the pledge of my love and as the symbol of our unity and with this ring, I thee wed. *(Minister gives ring to the Bride)*

**Minister to Bride:** (Bride's name), in placing this ring on (Groom's Name) finger, repeat after me: (Groom's Name), you are now consecrated to me as my husband from this day forward and I give you this ring as the pledge of my love and as the symbol of our unity and with this ring, I thee wed.

## **Pronouncement**

**Minister:** In as much as (Groom's name) and (Bride's name) have consented together in marriage before this company of friends and family and have pledged their faith, and declared their unity by giving and receiving a ring, are now joined. You have pronounced yourselves husband and wife, but remember to always be each other's best friend.

What, therefore, God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

By the power vested in me by the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Almighty God, I now pronounce you man and wife. May your days be good and long upon the earth.

You (the groom) may now kiss the bride.



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