



Wish you could have a fully personalised ceremony that's also legally binding?

A change in the law is coming which **could** allow Independent Celebrants to conduct legally binding marriages.

In 2025 the UK Government announced the biggest overhaul to wedding law since the 19th century, promising marrying couples in England & Wales greater freedom of choice over how and where they tie the knot. These changes are in line with the wide-ranging set of proposals put forward by the Law Commission, meaning the law will shift from the regulation of buildings to the regulation of the officiant, e.g. the registrar, minister or celebrant.

However, the Government is yet to decide whether **Independent Celebrants** should be authorised to conduct legally binding weddings within this new scheme. We believe their inclusion is vital to ensure that all couples can have a legal wedding ceremony that is meaningful to them.

The Government plans to consult with the public on this decision in 2026. **So if you support the inclusion of Independent Celebrants in wedding law reform, we need your help!**

IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

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