

DIOCESE OF SALFORD CHANCERY OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY IN THE EVENT OF A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE LACKING CANONICAL FORM

Prot. No. _____
(for office use only)

A. Information regarding the Catholic Party of the Marriage:

1. Full Name: _____
2. Present Address _____
3. Date and Place of Birth: _____
4. Date and Place of Baptism: _____

B. Information Regarding the other Party of the Marriage:

1. Full Name: _____
2. Present Address: _____
3. Place and Date of Birth: _____
4. Religion: _____

C. Information Regarding the Marriage:

1. Date and Place of Marriage: _____
No. of Certificate: _____
2. Was this the first marriage of both parties? _____
If not, full detail must be given, including how the first marriage was dissolved:

3. Places where the parties lived together after the marriage, with dates of residence (exact address must be given):

From: _____ To: _____

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4. Was this marriage ever blessed or made valid in the eyes of the Church? _____
5. Were arrangements ever made, even though it did not take place? If so, by whom and where? _____
6. Date and Place of Civil Divorce: _____
7. Serial Number of Divorce Case/Decree: _____
8. Whom does the applicant hope to marry? _____
9. His/Her Religion: _____
10. Were there any children of the first marriage? _____
11. What steps have been /will be taken for their religious upbringing? _____

12. Has proper financial provision been made for your former spouse and children (if any)? _____

13. When and why did the marriage break down? _____

D. Declaration of Applicant

I, the undersigned, do hereby pledge my word of honour and solemnly swear that the foregoing information, to the best of my knowledge, is true, and I further solemnly swear that I have never contracted or attempted any marriage during my lifetime except as indicated herein. I further solemnly swear that permission was never granted for this marriage to take place outside the Catholic Church and that the marriage(s) described herein was (were) never rectified (blessed) according to the laws of the Catholic Church. So help me God.

(Signature of Applicant) _____

(Signature of Priest) _____

Date: _____

E. Requirements of the Curial Offices:

1. This completed form is to be returned to the Curial Offices along with other items listed here.
2. Certificate of Baptism of the Catholic party (this must have been issued within the month preceding the date of application).
3. Certificate of Divorce Absolute (an application may be presented before the divorce has been made Absolute but no Declaration of Freedom can be issued until the Decree Absolute is presented).
4. Statements from the parish priests of the parties in which the parties resided showing that the marriage was not convalidated nor was a sanation obtained (these statements must be obtained by the priest NOT by the applicant).
5. (If the applicant is the Catholic party) Letter of Freedom from the parish priest of the usual place of residence, after he has been informed of this application.

N.B. NO ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING ANY FUTURE MARRIAGE ARE TO BE MADE UNTIL THE DECLARATION OF FREEDOM HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM THE CURIAL OFFICES.