

## **Regulations on Weddings in NSW (current at 3 Sept 2021)**

From Friday 3 September 2021, small wedding services can be held in NSW.

### **Number of people**

#### **How many people can attend?**

Up to 11 people can attend the ceremony:

- The two people getting married
- Two official witnesses (anyone over 18, must speak English)
- The celebrant
- A photographer / videographer
- Up to 5 guests

#### **What are the mask rules?**

Everyone at the ceremony must arrive wearing masks and keep them on at all times (From Clause 2.9(1)(m) of the Public Health Order).

The two people getting married may take their masks off during the ceremony only.

#### **Do we have to be vaccinated?**

Legally you do not have to be vaccinated. We however strongly encourage you to be vaccinated and consider only inviting vaccinated guests.

In Greater Sydney only fully vaccinated celebrants are conducting ceremonies at this time.

#### **What travel rules apply?**

You don't have to stay within your LGA or 5km from home for your ceremony.

You can attend a small wedding service if:

- you are the celebrant
- you are one of the 2 people getting married
- you are one of the 2 legal witnesses (can be any adult who speaks English)
- you are the photographer / videographer for the ceremony
- one of 5 guests

These rules mean that no more than 11 people can attend a wedding service under any circumstances.

### **Small wedding services held outside Greater Sydney**

If you live outside Greater Sydney, you can leave home to attend a small wedding service outside Greater Sydney.

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Greater Sydney includes the Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas.

### **Small wedding services held in Greater Sydney including the Blue Mountains and Wollongong**

If you live outside Greater Sydney, you can leave home and enter Greater Sydney to attend a small wedding service only if you are:

- the celebrant
- one of the 2 people getting married
- you are one of the 2 legal witnesses (can be any adult who speaks English)
- you are the photographer / videographer for the ceremony ;
- a parent, child or sibling of one of the people getting married.

If you live in Greater Sydney, but not in an area of concern, you can enter an area of concern to attend a small wedding service only if you are:

- the celebrant
- one of the 2 people getting married
- one of the 2 legal witnesses (can be any adult who speaks English)
- the photographer / videographer for the ceremony
- a parent, child or sibling of one of the people getting married.

If you live in Greater Sydney but not in an area of concern, you can only attend a small wedding service as a guest (other than a family member referred to above) if it is in Greater Sydney and not in an area of concern.

If you live in an area of concern within Greater Sydney you can leave that area to attend a small wedding service in Greater Sydney, only if you are:

- the celebrant
- one of the 2 people getting married
- one of the 2 legal witnesses (can be any adult who speaks English)
- the photographer / videographer for the ceremony
- a parent, child or sibling of one of the people getting married.

If you live in an area of concern within Greater Sydney, you can only attend a small wedding service as a guest (other than a family member referred to above) if it is in the area in which you live.