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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 12 OF 2013

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON HER BY SECTION 52 OF THE MARRIAGE ACT, CAP. 184, MAKES THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS—

(Gazetted 16th August, 2013).

1. Citation and commencement. These Regulations may be cited as the

MARRIAGE (SPECIAL LICENCES-DESTINATION WEDDING) REGULATIONS, 2013

and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th day of July, 2013.

- 2. Interpretation. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - "Act" means the Marriage Act Cap 184;
 - "Agent" means a person who is granted a licence by the Minister pursuant to Regulation 3;
 - "applicant" means a person who applies to the Minister to be licensed as an Agent to do all that is necessary to offer destination wedding packages pursuant to these Regulations;
 - "licence" means a valid and subsisting licence granted to an applicant, by the Minister pursuant to these Regulations;
 - "Minister" means the Minister with responsibility for Home Affairs;
 - "special licence" means a special licence granted by the Governor-General pursuant to Regulation 7.
- **3. Agents.** (1) The Minister may grant to an applicant who applies in accordance with Form I of Schedule I, a licence as an agent to offer destination weddings to its customers under the name specified in the licence.

- (2) Where the Minister grants a licence to an applicant pursuant to sub-regulation (1), a fee shall be payable as prescribed in Schedule II.
- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided under these regulations, no person shall act as an agent unless that person is the holder of a valid licence.
- **4. Licences.** (1) A licence granted by the Minister in accordance with Form II of Schedule I shall be valid for a period of five years.
- (2) An agent who wishes to renew its licence shall, upon paying the prescribed renewal fee prescribed in Schedule II, and not later than three months before the expiry of the said licence, give written notice of its intention to the Minister.
- **5. Revocation or suspension of Licence.** (1) An agent shall not except with the written consent of the Minister assign or transfer its licence.
- (2) The Minister may revoke or suspend a licence issued pursuant to regulation 3 where—
 - (a) the ability, resources, experiences or integrity of the agent has fallen below the standard that might be reasonably expected;
 - (b) the renewal fee remains unpaid for ninety (90) days after it has become due; or
 - (c) the agent no longer satisfies the provisions of these regulations.
 - (3) Before revoking or suspending a licence-
 - (a) the Minister shall give the agent concerned notice in writing at its address for service, of his or her intention to do so; and
 - (b) the notice given pursuant to paragraph (a) must specify the grounds upon which he or she proposes to make the revocation, and shall require the agent to submit to him or her within a specified period being not less than thirty days, a written statement of objections to the making of the revocation,

and thereafter, the Minister shall advise the agent of his or her decision.

- (4) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after revocation or suspension of an agent's licence, publish in the *Gazette* notice of same.
- **6. Address for Service.** (1) Every applicant for a licence as an agent shall provide in the application an address for service, and any notice under these regulations, shall for all purposes be sufficiently served if delivered or sent by registered mail to that address.
- (2) Every agent shall notify the Minister in writing, of any change in its address for service.
- **7. Special licence.** (1) A special licence set out in Form IV of Schedule I will only be granted by the Governor-General for the marriage of persons who have both been resident within Grenada for a period of twenty-four hours at least.
- (2) Upon the grant of a special licence pursuant to sub-regulation (1), a fee shall be payable as prescribed in Schedule II.
- (3) An application to obtain a special licence shall only be submitted by an agent who is the holder of a licence issued by the Minister pursuant to regulation 3.
- **8. Application.** The application for a special licence set out in Form III of Schedule I, shall be made in writing addressed to the Governor-General and signed by one of the parties to the intended marriage and shall state the full name and address, the age, occupation and condition of both of the parties to the intended marriage, and if either of the parties shall be under the age of eighteen years and is not a widower or widow, the name and address of the parent or guardian of such party, whose consent is necessary as provided under section 20 of the Act, and the fact that the consent of such parent or guardian has been obtained.
- **9. Declaration.** There shall be attached to the application a solemn declaration made by the applicant before a Notary Public or any other official approved for that purpose, verifying the facts stated in the application and that the applicant knows no just cause or impediment why the intended marriage should not be solemnized.
- 10. Supporting certificate. There shall likewise be attached to the application a certificate signed by a minister of religion or justice of the peace of the country in which the parties are ordinarily resident, stating that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the person certifying the facts stated in the application and declaration are true and that he or she knows of no legal impediment to the proposed marriage.

- **11. Supporting documentation.** The application for a special licence shall be supported by the following documents where appropriate—
 - (a) original or certified copies of birth certificates and passports;
 - (b) original or certified copies of decree absolute translated into english if in a different language;
 - (c) original or certified copies of death certificate;
 - (d) original or certified copies of name change documents;
 - (e) original or certified copies of adoption papers; and
 - (f) parents written consent if under eighteen years of age.
- **12. Procedure for making application.** (1) The application, declaration, supporting certificate and the supporting documentation shall be submitted at least thirty days before the period of residency referred to in regulation 7.
- (2) Neither of the parties to the marriage is required to attend before any government ministry or office.
- **13. Issuance of the special licence.** The special licence shall be issued within twenty-four hours after the submission of the documents referred to in regulation 11 and shall take effect twenty-four hours after the actual time of residence.
- **14. Powers of Governor-General.** A special licence will not be issued unless the Governor-General is satisfied that the facts stated in the application and declaration are true, and the Governor-General may require a further declaration of the facts to be made by some minister of religion, justice of the peace, or other respectable person approved by him or her.

SCHEDULE I

FORM I

APPLICATION FORM FOR AGENTS

(Regulation 3)

APPLICATION FOR	LICENCE/RENEWAL	OF LICENCE TO	ACT AS AGENT

PROVIDING DESTINATION WEDDING PACKAGES
TO: THE MINISTER OF
Dear Sir,
1. We
(a) a licence to act as an agent under these Regulations be granted to our Company; or
(b) our agent's licence which bears the expiry date of be renewed for a further period of
2. I hereby declare that the particulars given below are true and correct and that the licence for which the company applies will only be used by our company:
a. I
(State name and office held in company)
b. Name of Company
c. Registered office address
d. Postal address
e. Address for service
f. Principal place of business

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g.	Nature of service to be provided		
h.	Telephone contact		
i.	Fax number		
j.	Email:		
k.	If you ever held a licence, state number and expiry date, otherwise tick 'nil'		
	Licence number Expiry date Nil		
1.	Address for service		
3. The company has made the payment of the prescribed fee for which documentary evidence is enclosed.			
Date of application			
	Director or Company Secretary		

Notes:

- In any application for a renewal the company name must be identical to that
 which is reflected in the last licence held. Where there is any change in the
 name of the Company the reasons for same should be stated furnishing
 documentary evidence for same.
- The signatory to the application should enclose a copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing him or her to make the application.

(Regulation 4)

FORM II

LICENCE TO AGENT

LICENCE TO ACT AS AN AGENT UNDER THE MARRIAGE (SPECIAL LICENCES – DESTINATION WEDDING) REGULATIONS

	LICENCE NO
NAME OF AGENT	
ADDRESS	
having paid the prescribed fee and having met the hereby authorized to act as agent and to do all that destination wedding packages to its customers fro	ne requirements of the Regulation is at is necessary to facilitate providing
Dated this	
Minister with responsibility for	

(Regulation 8)

GRENADA

FORM III

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL MARRIAGE LICENCE

Name of applicant (in full)
Address of applicant
Occupation or calling
Age, in years
Bachelor, Widower or Divorcee
Where born
Intended date of arrival in State
Name of person to whom to be married (in full)
Address of person to whom to be married (in full)
Occupation or calling
Age
Spinster, Widow or Divorcee?
Where born
How long resident in the State?
(Are parents alive in both cases)?
(if not, is there a guardian?)

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	ge with their consent?)		necessary)
By whom is th	e marriage to be solemnize	ed?	
At what place?			
When?			
and sincerely I know of no j I make this so	declare that the above par ust cause or impediment t	ticulars are in every o my intended mar ntiously believing	do solemnly respect true and correct that riage as above set forth. And it to be true and by virtue of
Dated this	day of		20
Notary Public	or official approved for	that purpose	Signature of Applicant.
Name Occupation	I		
Residence	sidence of do hereby certify that the above statement is to the best of my knowledge and belief correct and true and that so far as I am aware there is no alleged or other impediment to the proposed marriage.		
		Signature	
Dated this	day of		20

(This certificate may be signed by a Minister of Religion, Justice of the Peace or any respectable person who can testify to the facts).

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FORM IV

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(Regulation 7)

FORM OF SPECIAL LICENCE

Marriage Act Cap 184.



GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S LICENCE

This licence remains in force for three months only from its date (section 22 of the Marriage Act Cap 184)

> To any Marriage Officer of Grenada This is to Licence and Permit you to solemnize a Marriage between

Here give name, surname, condition calling and place of residence

and

here give name, surname, condition calling and place of residence

> according to the provisions of the marriage Act, Cap. 184, you knowing no lawful impediment to the contrary

Issued on the

day of

Effective the

20..... day of 20.....

By order of the Governor-General

Secretary to Cabinet.

This Licence will be void if the marriage is not solemnized within three months from date thereof.

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SCHEDULE II

PRESCRIBED FEES

Agent licence fee	EC\$7500.00	(Regulation 2)
Agent licence renewal fee	EC\$7500.00	(Regulation 2)
Special Marriage Licence fee	EC\$ 500.00	(Regulation 2)

Made this 15th day of August, 2013.

L.S.)
CECILE E. F. LA GRENADE
Governor-General.

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