

APPENDIX 1

Policy Regarding the Granting of a Registration to Perform Marriages

1. Only those officially accredited or granted special and particular recognition by the Credentials Committee will be granted the privilege of being registered to perform marriages. The process varies between the provinces of Ontario and Quebec; our Church Life and Leadership Department will facilitate receipt of the appropriate registration.
2. Any individual who has had their credentials suspended by CBOQ will lose the privilege of being registered to perform marriages.
3. Any accredited individual who is moved into the category of **“Ordained but not presently serving with CBOQ”** will have their Registration to Perform Marriages in the Province of Ontario (or the corresponding privilege in Quebec) removed within 90 days of notification. Those in the category **“Accredited Individual not in vocational ministry”** (the category which includes individuals seeking placement in a ministry position) will have their status reviewed regularly to ascertain if the Registration is still required. If a decision is made to discontinue the Registration, the individual will be notified.
4. Receiving a “Registration to Perform Marriages in the Province of Ontario,” (or the corresponding privilege in Quebec) carries the assumed obligation of competency and/or training in the premarital counselling of couples for marriage. If the individual lacks these skills, training programs and methodologies are available. Premarital counselling training may include programs like the Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis or the Prepare/Enrich inventories. Prepare and Enrich training is available through frequently scheduled one-day workshops or through a DVD self-training course. Further information can be accessed through <http://www.empoweringcouples.ca/training.php>. For other suggestions, contact the Director of Leadership Development.
5. CBOQ recognize that the ability to perform marriages is an important function of any pastoral role and for the sake of the enhancement of the ministry of a local church. While in the past CBOQ registered un-ordained and unaccredited ministry leaders, it can no longer do so because of provincial regulations. Ministry leaders must be accredited level 2 or 3, ordained by CBOQ or have their ordination recognized by CBOQ in order to be registered for an Ontario Marriage License . This does not apply to Quebec as their provincial rules are different.