



## Rates – Ceremonies

### Outdoor Wedding Ceremony (Weddings on Nassau or Paradise Island)

*Does not include phone/email consultation, meeting in person or post-ceremony legal work*

A. Monday-Friday	\$275.00
B. Saturday	\$325.00
C. Sunday	\$375.00

### Vow Renewal

*Includes phone/email consultation*

A. Monday-Friday	\$200.00
B. Saturday	\$250.00
C. Sunday	\$350.00

### Church Ceremony

*Includes phone/email consultation, meeting in person & post-ceremony legal work*

A. Monday-Friday	\$450.00
B. Saturday	\$550.00
C. Sunday	\$600.00

### Ceremony on Nearby Island

*Does not include phone/email consultation, meeting in person or post-ceremony legal work*

A. Half Day	\$550.00
B. Whole Day	\$750.00

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## Rates – Additional Services

*Optional services that I am available for should you require them.*

### **Pre Ceremony Services**

#### **Consultation by phone/email**

**\$75.00**

I will provide you with various resources and help you design a wedding that incorporates your personal ideas & traditions. By the day of your wedding, the ceremony will feel more personal and intimate.

#### **Consultation in person**

**\$50.00**

Should you feel it necessary, we will meet upon your arrival to the island and finalize all remaining details.

#### **Pre-registration of Marriage License Application**

**\$25.00**

Recommended if you are getting married the same day you arrive (e.g. via cruise ship) or you are seeking to process your marriage license as quickly as possible.

#### **Accompany couple to Registrar's office**

**\$100.00**

This applies to the first time you will go the Registrar's office. It isn't mandatory that I be there with you but I can generally get my couples out of there in a shorter period of time. If you also need affidavits, this would be the time that I would bring them prepared, thus saving you a trip to a notary public or JP office.

#### **Pick up Marriage License the day after you apply**

**\$30.00**

It's a standard two-day process for all couples to secure their marriage license. The first day, you submit your application and the second day you pick it up. If you desire, I can make the second trip on your behalf.

#### **Rehearsal**

**\$50.00**

### **Post Ceremony Services**

#### **Procure *Certified Copy* of wedding docs after ceremony**

**\$50.00**

This applies to obtaining a *certified* copy of your marriage *after* the ceremony and requires another trip to the Registrar's office.

The document is optional but recommended since it is the only certificate your government will accept, recognizing your wedding in the Bahamas as legal and credible.

#### **Procure *Apostille* (not applicable to Bahamian couples )**

**\$75.00**

This document is mandatory for all couples living outside The Bahamas and must be accompanied by a Certified Copy of your wedding documents (See above item).

### **Other Services**

#### **Rental of portable sound system**

**Starts at \$75.00**

Recommended for outdoor weddings with groups over 10 people or if you want to plug in an iPod or guitar.

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## Rates – Legal Services

*Services I offer as a licensed Justice of the Peace*

### Affidavits

<i>Affidavit of Bachelorhood (for men)</i>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<i>Affidavit of Spinsterhood (for women)</i>	<b>(per person)</b>

Mandatory for any person that is single, when seeking to be married in the Bahamas- must accompany your *Marriage License Application*

Couples from the **USA** will need to obtain these affidavits in the Bahamas, either at the US Embassy, Justice of the Peace, or Notary Public.

Couples from **Canada** or the **United Kingdom** can obtain affidavits in their own countries (stating they are single), but can also do this in the Bahamas if they prefer.

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### Notarizing documents

<i>Marriage License Application</i>	<b>\$25.00</b>
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Every couple needs to submit an application to the Registrar General's office and the back of this form must be notarized.

Only one application is required per couple.

\*Although these services are all essential, I am by no means the only person who can help you in this area. When you get downtown to the Registrar General's office, there are other Notaries and JP's nearby.

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## A Word on Government Fees & Services



All couples applying to be married in the Bahamas have to pay the Registrar General's office **\$100.00**, a mandatory fee payable to their cashier on the day you submit your **Application for Marriage**. This is a government fee and is separate from any other fees listed above.

In addition, any couple requiring a **Certified Copy** of the wedding documents is required to pay the government's fee of **\$20.00**, also payable to the Registrar General's office. Most couples typically purchase only one, but if you so choose, each additional copy is \$20.00.

*The Certified Copy is optional but recommended since it is the only document your government will validate as proof that your wedding in the Bahamas was legal and credible.*

### Please Note:

All couples living outside The Bahamas will also need an **Apostille**, which must accompany their *Certified Copy*.

*This can be obtained from the Bahamian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is free, so any fees you pay are for my time required to process your paperwork (3-5 business days) and mail all documents to you.*

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## Terms & Conditions

1. A non-refundable deposit of U.S. \$200.00 is required to reserve the date and it will be applied in full to the wedding package you select. *If you are having a vow renewal ceremony, the deposit will be \$150.00.* The balance is due the week of the wedding. If you are living in the Bahamas, you may pay in Bahamian currency.
2. If through unforeseen circumstances, I can't offer my services after your deposit has been paid, I will return your deposit in full. If, however, you cancel the wedding or no longer require my services, the deposit is non-refundable.
3. My rates take into allowance my time for early arrival, and for the duration of your ceremony. I love spending time with my couples and sharing in their big day, yet I will charge an extra \$100.00 if I am made to wait over an hour *before* the ceremony begins. I am often committed to more than one wedding in a day and this stipulation allows me to honor the time my next couple requires.
4. Once you have selected the package and I have received the non-refundable deposit of US \$200.00 via **PayPal, Wire Transfer, US Postal International Money Order** (*not* a Personal Money Order), **Traveler's Check** or **Cash**, the time and date are guaranteed. *US Intl. Postal Money Orders and Traveler's Check's can be made payable to Matthew Sweeting.*
5. Once you have completed the *Consent Forms* (page 2 and 3 of this document), mail to:  
  
Matthew Sweeting, PO Box: N-9935, Nassau, Bahamas  
  
If you prefer using FedEx or another courier, then delivery address is  
  
Matthew Sweeting, Island Preacha Weddings,  
Charlotte Street, Nassau, Bahamas,  
(phone contact 242.356-5683)  
  
Otherwise, you may scan and email completed form to [islandpreacha@gmail.com](mailto:islandpreacha@gmail.com), or fax to 242.325-0683, attention "Matthew Sweeting."
6. Balance to be paid by **PayPal, Cash, Traveler's Check, US Postal International Money Order** or **Wire Transfer**.

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