

As a registered Marriage Celebrant in QLD, I would like to show my discontent with the proposed annual fee for Celebrants. I am a part-time celebrant, I am working 4 days a week, and want to have my celebrant business on the side, I think of it as a retirement business that I am gradually working on. I went into it in the safe knowledge it was a lifetime job. I am disappointed to find that the relevant organisations want to charge us an annual fee, which would be detrimental to my financial status. I am a nurse and already pay \$160 a year for registration; all celebrants have to pay at least \$170-190 a year for ongoing OPD. I am not alone in this, I know of other Nurses who have same thing, others in professional jobs and Part-time Celebrants will feel the pinch as well. I do not perform many weddings and paying for a fee and OPD will overtake what I earn in weddings. I became a celebrant as I love the enjoyment of joining couples in the wonderful bond of marriage, it gives me a lot of happiness and satisfaction in doing this, please do not take it away from me.

Yours Sincerely

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