

How do I register a domestic relationship?

Step 1. Download the [Application to register a domestic relationship](#) (PDF document, 1,978 KB, 6 pages)

Step 2. Complete the application, ensuring you:

- attach the appropriate proof of identity documents; and
- include the required payment and any other supporting documentation.

Step 3. Submit the completed form, supporting documentation and relevant payment to the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

How long does it take to register a relationship?

A relationship is registered 28 days after the date that a valid and complete application is lodged. Incomplete or invalid applications may take longer.

Who can register a domestic relationship?

Two adults (18 years of age or over) can register a relationship if:

- they are in a registrable relationship (as defined by Section 5 of the *Relationships Act 2008* - refer to the application form); and
- they both normally live in Victoria; and
- neither of them are:
 - married; or
 - in a relationship that is already registered; or
 - in another relationship that could be registered in Victoria.

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Can I revoke a registered domestic relationship?

Yes. To revoke a relationship that has already been registered, submit an [Application to revoke a registered domestic relationship](#) (PDF document, 580 KB, 6 pages).

If you are making the revocation application by yourself, you will also need to complete a [revocation statutory declaration](#) (PDF document, 92 KB, 2 pages) and attach it to your application form.

A registered relationship cannot be revoked until 90 days after the date that a valid and complete revocation application has been lodged, unless otherwise directed by a court or tribunal.

Can I withdraw my relationship registration or revocation application?

Yes. To withdraw your relationship registration application, submit the form below. You have up to 28 days after lodging your relationship registration application to withdraw it.

To withdraw your revocation application, submit the form below. You have up to 90 days after lodging your revocation application to withdraw it.

[Withdrawal of application to register or revoke a domestic relationship](#) (PDF document, 353 KB, 4 pages).

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How do I apply for a relationship or revocation certificate?

To apply for a standard relationship or revocation certificate, submit an [Application for a domestic relationship certificate](#) (PDF document, 107 KB, 2 pages).

You can use a standard relationship certificate as proof of a domestic relationship for legal and other official purposes.

Commemorative relationship certificates

You can use the same application form to apply for a commemorative relationship certificate.

These certificates help preserve your special event in style. All commemorative certificates are printed on archival quality paper and fit a standard frame size of 280mm x 355mm (11" x 14").

A commemorative relationship certificate is not a recognised proof of relationship document.

View the Registry's [commemorative relationship certificates](#) (PDF document, 72 KB, 1 page).