

**APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY  
DUE TO LACK OF ORTHODOX FORM OF A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE**

*The following information is to be supplied by the applicant.*

***The questions should be asked and the answers written by the interviewing priest.***

*The person should give the evidence under Oath.*

"I (the applicant) \_\_\_\_\_ swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.  
So help me God."

1. What is your full name? \_\_\_\_\_ [incl. Maiden Name]
2. What is your address? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Contact Numbers \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date and place of birth? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When were you married? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_
6. To whom [full name]? \_\_\_\_\_

***A full copy, (not an extract which omits many details), of the marriage certificate, obtainable from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, MUST be presented to the Tribunal***

7. Was this your first marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ If not please give details of any other marriage:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Was the marriage to you the first marriage of the other party? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If not, give details of other marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What was your religion at the time of the marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What was the religion of the other party? \_\_\_\_\_
12. When and where was the Orthodox party baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

***A Certificate of Baptism MUST be presented to the Tribunal***

13. Where was the Orthodox party living at the time of the marriage?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Was permission sought and obtained from the Bishop for the marriage to take place other than in an Orthodox Church? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Why did the Orthodox party not insist on an Orthodox ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Was the marriage ever repeated or blessed by any priest? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Was any request or suggestion made that this marriage should be rectified or blessed in the Orthodox Church? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Please give the addresses of where you lived during the course of your marriage to your former Spouse and the **approximate** dates you lived at each location.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____
from _____ to _____	_____

20. Were any children born of this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

21. If so, were they baptized in the Orthodox Church and where did any baptism[s] take place?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

22. When did you finally separate from your former Spouse? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Have you been civilly divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Civil Decree Absolute of Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_

***A copy of the Decree Absolute MUST be presented to the Tribunal***

24. Are you meeting your natural obligations towards children and your partner from the previous union? (cf. Canon 1071,§1,3º, CCEO 789,3º) \_\_\_\_\_

25. What is the present address and phone number of your former spouse?  
\_\_\_\_\_

26.	<b>Intended Partner</b> Name: _____	Phone: _____
27.	Address: _____	
28.	Conjugal Status: _____	
29.	Religion: _____ of the person you now wish to marry.	
30.	Date and Place of Proposed Marriage: _____	
31.	Celebrant: _____	

**“I hereby confirm on Oath that I have answered the above questions truthfully. So help me God.”**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST FOR PRIEST-WITNESS**

- [a] Certificates: \_\_\_Recent Baptism + \_\_\_Marriage + \_\_\_Decree Absolute
- [b] Cheque for administration expenses - \$50.00
- [c] Covering letter from priest regarding applicant

**Then send to:**  
**Tribunal of the Catholic Church**  
PO Box 2090, Wollongong NSW 2500  
[chancery@dow.org.au](mailto:chancery@dow.org.au)

“The priest should await the Decree before a date is set for a new marriage.”