

# DIOCESE OF PENANG

## FIRST INSTANCE ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNAL

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### Nullity of Marriage Application Form

Submission  
of  
Application

#### For Office Use

Date Received : \_\_\_\_\_  
Protocol No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Your application will **ONLY** be processed upon the complete submission of the following documents:

- ☐ Signed and Dated *Nullity of Marriage* Application Form
- ☐ Signed and Dated Statement
- ☐ Identification Card (or Passport) of Petitioner/Respondent/Proposed Spouse
- ☐ Baptismal Certificate of Petitioner/Respondent/Proposed Spouse (issued within last 6 months)
- ☐ Civil Marriage Certificate of the marriage in question
- ☐ Civil Marriage Certificate of the present union
- ☐ Certificate of Decree Nisi
- ☐ Certificate of Decree Nisi made Final & Absolute
- ☐ Proof of marital status from the Embassy (if Proposed Spouse is non-Malaysian)
- ☐ Death Certificate of deceased spouse (if Proposed Spouse is widowed)
- ☐ Birth Certificates of Petitioner's children (if any)
- ☐ Any other relevant documents

#### A. Your Particulars (The Petitioner)

Name (per MyKad/Passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination/Religion at Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Present Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Present Parish  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently enrolled in the RCIA Programme? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, state Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

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### B. Your Former Spouse's Particulars (The Respondent)

Name (per MyKad/Passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination/Religion at Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Present Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Present Parish  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Details of Your Former Marriage

Please specify the length of your:

Friendship \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s) Courtship \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

Engagement \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s) Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

Were you living together before marriage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

#### Registrar of Marriage (ROM)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ ROM Office \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

#### Church Wedding

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

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### Age at Marriage

Petitioner      ROM:      Church:

Respondent      ROM:      Church:

Decision to Marry      ☐ Willing      ☐ Pressured by Kin      ☐ Pregnancy

☐ Others

(please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Was there any objection to your marriage?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No

If YES, provide details

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first marriage?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No

If NO, provide details :-

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ROM \_\_\_\_\_ Place of ROM \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Church Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Church Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Has it been dissolved? ☐ Death?      Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Divorce?      Date of Decree Nisi made Final & Absolute granted by

Civil Court: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Nullity?      Date of Nullity \_\_\_\_\_ Protocol No. \_\_\_\_\_

Where applicable, the relevant documents must be obtained

☐ Yes      ☐ No

Is this the Respondent's first marriage?

If NO, provide details :-

With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ROM \_\_\_\_\_ Place of ROM \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Church Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Church Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Has it been dissolved? ☐ Death?      Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Divorce?      Date of Decree Nisi made Final & Absolute granted by

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### Children

Did you both want children?      Petitioner    ☐ Yes   ☐ No      Respondent    ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Were there any children born of this marriage?    ☐ Yes   ☐ No

If YES, provide details:

	Name	Date of Birth
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

When did things begin to go wrong in your marriage?

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### Temporary Separation(s)

	Date	Duration	Reason for separation/Reason for reconciliation
1			
2			
3			

Who left first?    ☐ Petitioner    ☐ Respondent

Reason(s) for leaving:

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### Decree Nisi Made Final & Absolute

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Place : \_\_\_\_\_

### **D. Present Situation**

Are you in a relationship? ☐ Yes **Go to Part E**

☐ No **Go to Part F**

### **E. Present Relationship**

Length of relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

Are you living together? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long have you been living together? \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

Are you intending to marry this person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you remarried, either civilly or in a non-Catholic church? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Details of Present Partner/Proposed Spouse

Name (per MyKad/Passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Town	State	Country
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If YES, state Parish

Town State Country

If Widowed or Divorced, how many times has he/she been married before? \_\_\_\_\_

Decree Nisi made Final & Absolute granted by (Civil Court):

If Yes:      Date:                      Church Tribunal:

### Registrar of Marriage (ROM)

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Place : \_\_\_\_\_

Were there any children born of this union?      ☐ Yes    ☐ No

If YES, provide details:

	Name	Date of Birth
1		
2		
3		
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### F. Compulsory Witnesses

Please provide details of four (4) credible witnesses who have personal knowledge of your former marriage and have agreed to be interviewed. Please indicate your relationship with the witnesses.

1)Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2)Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3)Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4)Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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I will fully cooperate with the Diocese of Penang First Instance Ecclesiastical Tribunal Officials in properly examining my former marriage.

I am willing to defray the fee of RM1,000.00, which includes the RM300.00 non-refundable deposit upon acceptance of the case.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Petitioner

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# A GUIDE TO WRITING YOUR STATEMENT

- ✓ This Statement is considered a legal document to be submitted with your application for the *Nullity of Marriage*.
- ✓ It should be written using a typewriter or a computer.
- ✓ It should be in an essay format in chronological order on the events of your marriage.
- ✓ A statement of 3 to 5 pages is normally sufficient.

## About this Guide

A written Petition (Statement) is presented by the person wishing to initiate an examination of their marriage for possible invalidity.

Keep in mind that marriage depends on the consent both parties gave to the marriage. Thus, a cause of invalidity had to be present at the time of the wedding.

This guide assists you in recalling significant details of your courtship and marriage.

Use the questions as a prompt to give us a clear and impartial view of your relational issues.

This statement needs to be signed and dated.

*As you compose your statement, consider the following:*

### 1. Your Background

A history of your background combined with details of the courtship reveals the circumstances, influences, and experiences which shaped your choice of a marriage partner.

- What was the quality of your family life and growing-up years?
- Were there any significant or problematic circumstances or events that may have negatively impacted you or your choices later in life?
- From your upbringing, do you think you knew what family life was all about?

### 2. Your Courtship

Courtship lays the foundation for marriage. It allows a couple to develop many of the virtues and skills that they will need for a respectable marriage.

- How, when, and where did you first meet your former spouse?
- How did you move from acquaintance to friendship to courtship?
- Was there romance?
- What qualities attracted you to your former spouse?
- Were you intimate? How soon? Was this important to both of you?
- What was the quality of your relationship?
- Were you ever disillusioned?
- Was there conflict in the relationship?
- Were your family and friends supportive of your relationship?

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## **3. Your Engagement**

Engagement is a time that signifies the commitment and devotion between two people who desire to spend the rest of their lives with one another.

- Was it a time of joy, stress, and doubt?
- Did concerns surface? What were they?
- Did they negatively affect your relationship?
- Did you think you could overcome them?
- Was the engagement a time of preparation?

## **4. Your Wedding**

- Did you have any serious doubts about going through with the wedding? Why?
- Describe the wedding day.
- Did you have a honeymoon, and were there any problems, frustrations, or disturbing discoveries on the honeymoon?

## **5. Breakdown of Marriage**

- When did you first become aware of the problem(s) in the marriage?
- What was the nature of the problem(s)?

## **6. The Final Separation**

- What caused the final separation?
- Were there any attempts at reconciliation?
- Who was the first to leave the marital home?
- What obligation remains from this marriage?

## **Pay attention to problematic events or behaviours and include (if applicable):**

- felt pressure to marry
- pre-marital pregnancy
- prenuptial agreement
- placed a condition on marriage
- marriage to obtain legal status
- not open to children
- patterns of infidelity before, during, and/or after marriage
- experience of a chaotic childhood of instability, emotional neglect
- experiences of abuse: sexual, verbal, physical, drug
- alcoholic parents
- history of chronic or mental illness
- Divorced parents/siblings
- disciplinary problems in childhood or adolescence