



Policy Directive 34

Use of Prison Property for Marriages

- Relevant Instruments:** [Marriage Act 1961](#) (Cth)
- [Prisons Act 1981](#)
- [Prisons Regulations 1982](#)
- [Public Protection Strategy](#)

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Policy Directive is to set out the specific requirements relating to prisoners requesting to enter into a marriage whilst in prison.
- 1.2 This policy provides for the Deputy Commissioner Adult Justice Services or Commissioner to consider an application by a prisoner to marry in a public or private prison within Western Australia.

2. Policy

- 2.1 The Department of Corrective Services recognises that imprisonment does not deprive people of the right to enter into marriage however, will encourage prisoners to marry outside a prison where possible.
- 2.2 The Deputy Commissioner Adult Justice Services may allow a prisoner to use prison property for the purposes of a marriage ceremony.
- 2.3 The Commissioner may allow a prisoner who is managed under the Public Protection Strategy to use prison property for the purposes of a marriage ceremony.
- 2.4 Marriage in a prison will not entitle the prisoner, the prisoner's spouse or any approved visitors to any additional privileges not available to other prisoners.

3. Scope

The procedures apply within both public and private prisons.

4. Policy review

This policy is to be reviewed on a triennial basis. Appendices to this Policy may be amended as necessary by the Deputy Commissioner Adult Justice Services to reflect changes to prison procedures.

5. Appendices

[Policy Directive 34 – Use of Prison Property for Marriages - Procedures](#)

[Appendix 1 – Application to Use Prison Property for the Purpose of a Marriage Ceremony](#)

6. Approved

Commissioner

Signature:



Date:

8 December 2014

7. Policy sponsor

Assistant Commissioner Custodial Operations

8. Contact person

The following person may be approached on a routine basis in relation to this policy:

Principal Operational Policy Officer

9. Amendment history

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