



ROYALHOUSE CHAPEL EUROPE MARRIAGE POLICY GUIDE

1. First discuss/inform your Snr/Resident Pastor of your intentions to get married.
2. You must submit yourselves to marriage counselling. This is a pre-requisite in Royalhouse
3. Set a day aside and introduce him/her to your Snr/Resident Pastor
4. The Snr/Resident Pastor will then have a preliminary discussion with you to explain RCI's procedures and policies to facilitate smooth preparations.
5. You should have known each other and be dating for at least 6 months before marriage counselling commences
6. Have a date in mind, but Do not fix a date and/or inform/invite friends and family of your pending nuptials before meeting with your Snr Pastor for that initial/preliminary discussions.
7. Your Snr/Resident Pastor will discuss the availability and choice(s) of counsellors with you. Bear in mind not to go ahead of yourself and pick/choose counsellors before meeting with your Snr/Resident Pastor.
8. Your Snr/Resident Pastor will inform the chosen counsellors first and introduce you to them before counselling commences and before you get to speak to them.
9. When allocated a counsellor, you would be given to fill a marriage counselling form and return same to your counsellors. This is a confidential document and would only be sighted by your counsellors, your Snr/Resident Pastor and the Presiding Apostle. It would be securely kept. You must also undertake and produce any/every required documentary proof or evidence contained in the form at least 4 weeks before your engagement.
10. Allow a time period of 8 - 12 months for counselling. Your marriage date must not be in conflict with any major church event or Royalhouse Chapel Europe event.
11. Discuss the venue of your engagement/wedding with your counsellors right from the initial stages of your counselling so as to avoid any complications and disappointments.
12. Upon the successful completion of the counselling course, the Counsellors will give a feedback to the Snr/Resident Pastor.
13. Snr/Resident Pastor will conduct a review with counselees after completion and issue deserving counselees with a certificate of completion on the advice of their counsellors.
14. Officiating the marriage will be discussed with the Snr/Resident Pastor and any other parties involved where necessary.
15. Where the wedding/blessing of the marriage involves two churches, it is important that Pastors of both couples are adequately notified and involved in it.
16. In cases where the Pastor is not ordained/licenced then he must notify the Presiding Apostle who may step in to perform the ceremony or delegate an ordained Minister to perform the ceremony. In that case, the Pastor may be given the privilege to deliver the sermon.
17. Wedding/blessing sermons must NOT exceed 20 minutes.