

## Results of specific consultation

Summary of feedback received from marriage celebrant representatives and registered training organisations with the Certificate IV in Celebrancy in their teaching scope. Forty-five per cent of respondents across these groups indicated they are trainers delivering any or all of the four marriage celebrancy units of the Certificate IV in Celebrancy; 55 per cent indicated they are not involved in training delivery.

*In response to the following statements:*

Marriage celebrants who were registered after they completed the Certificate IV in Celebrancy are better trained celebrants.

- 52% agreed or strongly agreed
- 34% disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 14% did not express a view

The units of the Certificate IV in Celebrancy provide aspiring celebrants with appropriate skills and training to conduct marriage celebrancy work.

- 70% agreed or strongly agreed
- 11% disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 19% did not express a view

The requirements set by the Registrar of Marriage Celebrants for training organisations delivering the four mandatory marriage celebrancy units of the Certificate IV in Celebrancy are appropriate.

- 37% agreed or strongly agreed
- 45% disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 18% did not express a view

The requirements, set by the Registrar, for trainers delivering the four marriage celebrancy units of the Certificate IV in Celebrancy are appropriate because they enable the Registrar to be satisfied that the four marriage celebrancy units are being delivered by persons with practical experience in marriage celebrancy work.

- 43% agreed or strongly agreed
- 53% disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 4% did not express a view

Overall the introduction of the Certificate IV in Celebrancy had a positive impact on the marriage celebrancy industry.

- 45% agreed or strongly agreed
- 28% disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 27% did not express a view

Overall the introduction of the Certificate IV in Celebrancy had a positive impact on marrying couples.

- 33% agreed or strongly agreed
- 30% disagreed or strongly disagreed
- 37% did not express a view.

*Other information collected through the questionnaire:*

- 50% indicated they have undertaken training in the Certificate IV in Celebrancy.
- Of the 50% who indicated they have undertaken training in the Certificate IV in Celebrancy, 90% have completed the four marriage celebrancy units of the Certificate IV in Celebrancy.

- 62% agreed that the Department could have implemented other measures to achieve the objectives of the 2009 amendments to the Regulations. These included: improving the quality of training material and assessment tools used by some training organisations; increase the Department's involvement in the regulation of training organisations; ensure trainers of Certificate IV in Celebrancy have appropriate skills, knowledge and experience as a marriage celebrant to enable them to draw on their experience; conduct interviews and pre-appointment assessment of aspiring marriage celebrants to test legal knowledge; assessment / completion of work for OPD irrespective of delivery mode to ensure consistency across face to face, distance and online OPD.

#### *Additional feedback from registered training organisations*

- All of the registered training organisations with the Certificate IV in Celebrancy within their teaching scope who provided feedback agreed that they have established processes and systems which allow them to comply with the Registrar's requirements for delivering the four marriage celebrancy units.
- 40% of RTOs agreed there was insufficient information on the Department's website for the training organisation to be able to comply with requirements set by the Registrar for delivering the four marriage celebrancy units while 30% disagreed and 20% did not express a view.
- 60% of RTOs agreed that the training organisation incurs additional costs keeping abreast of the requirements set by the Registrar for delivering the four marriage celebrancy units while 20% disagreed and 20% did not express a view.
- 40% of RTOs agreed that the training organisation incurs additional costs as a result of having to comply with the Registrar's requirements for delivering the four marriage celebrancy units while 30% disagreed and 30% did not express a view.

#### **Background information for questionnaire**

*The following information was made available for those wishing to provide feedback via questionnaire:*

The Attorney-General's Department is undertaking a post-implementation review of the 2009 amendments to the *Marriage Regulations 1963*. This is independent from the current proposals being considered as part of the broader reforms to the Marriage Celebrants Program including the introduction of cost recovery for marriage celebrants from 1 July 2013.

This survey seeks the views of representatives of the marriage celebrant industry and providers of training to aspiring marriage celebrants on whether the 2009 amendments to the *Marriage Regulations 1963* achieved the intended objective.

The 2009 amendments increased the level of qualification required for initial registration as a Commonwealth marriage celebrant to a full Certificate IV in Celebrancy from 3 February 2010 and streamlined the delivery of professional development for registered marriage celebrants from 1 January 2010. The 2009 amendments also included transitional provisions to prevent disadvantage to those who were undertaking training to be eligible for registration as a marriage celebrant.

The Certificate IV in Celebrancy is the result of a two year consultation between the Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council, representatives of the marriage celebrant industry, providers of training to aspiring marriage celebrants and the Attorney-General's Department.

#### *Objectives of amendments*

Together, the amendments were intended to improve and update pre-registration training, better equip people for all celebrancy work and improve the quality of professional development for marriage celebrants.

Please click on the link below and complete the survey by **Friday, 31 August 2012**.