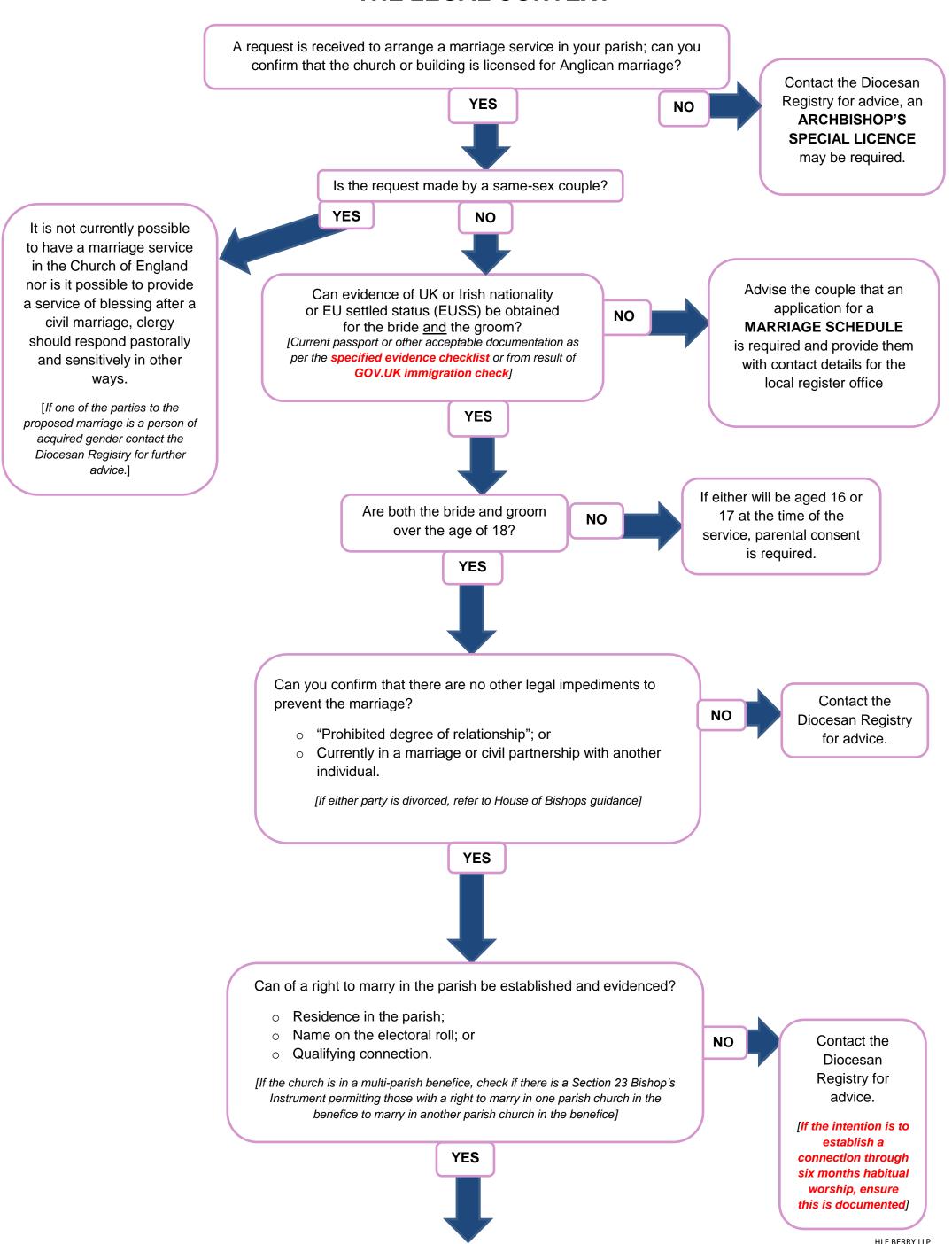
ANGLICAN MARRIAGE THE LEGAL CONTEXT





Are both of the parties to the intended marriage:

- o UK or Irish nationals or hold EUSS; and
 - Resident in England or Wales

The couple will need to be advised to keep you informed of any changes of address prior to the marriage service.

YES

Approximately three months prior to the date of the marriage service, arrange for the calling of **BANNS**.

[This may need to be in up to three different parishes – i.e. each parish where the couple reside and the parish where the marriage service is to take place].



No later than one month prior to the date of the proposed marriage service, ensure that you have received the banns certificate(s) from any other parish(es) concerned.

Once banns have been validly called, the marriage service should take place within three months.

NO

CONTACT THE DIOCESAN REGISTRY FOR ADVICE.

For anyone who is a UK or Irish national but is resident outside of England or Wales (which includes those residing in the Isle of Man, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) at the time of banns being called, a

COMMON LICENCE

application must be submitted to the Diocesan Registry.



Once issued, the **MARRIAGE SCHEDULE** is valid for a period of 12 months. The marriage service should take place within this period.

A **COMMON LICENCE** is valid for three months from the date of issue.

NOTES:

- 1. One of the four preliminaries are essential for a marriage service to proceed:
 - o BANNS:
 - o COMMON LICENCE;
 - O ARCHBISHOP'S SPECIAL LICENCE; or
 - o MARRIAGE SCHEDULE issued by the local register office
- 2. Throughout the period between the request being made and the marriage service being held:
 - o Meet the couple regularly;
 - $\circ \quad \text{Prepare them for marriage; and} \\$
 - Keep records of any documentation provided and/or legal advice received.
- 3. If the church or chapel intended to be used for the marriage service is not available due to it being rebuilt or repaired <u>and</u> it is not being used for divine service, contact the Diocesan Registry to establish the possible alternative arrangements for the service. The couple should be alerted to any possibility of this at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 4. The marriage service must be conducted using one of the three approved forms of liturgy between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm using the English language and any participation by ministers of other denominations must be limited to those parts of the service which do not have to be undertaken by an Anglican minister.
- 5. Ensure that the marriage document/schedule is completed and returned to your local register office as soon as possible and no later than 21 days after the marriage service and the appropriate entry is made in the register of marriage services.
- 6. Ensure that the correct statutory fee for the marriage service is paid and that the relevant portion accounted to the Diocesan Board of Finance.