



HM Passport
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**Certificate that consent has been given by the
relevant governing authority (or authorities) for a
building to be registered for the solemnization of
marriages of same sex couples.**

Form 78A

Please read the separate guidance notes before completing this form. A completed copy of this form must accompany any application for a building to be registered for the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples, together with duplicate copies of Form 78 and a copy of any required consent(s).

1. Is the building subject to a sharing agreement under the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969? (Tick box)

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YES - Please go straight to question 4 on the next page

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NO - Please go to question 2

2. Is the building shared by more than one religious organisation? Please see sections 4 and 5 of the guidance notes (Tick box)

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YES - Please go straight to question 4 on the next page

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NO - Please go to question 3

3. Please complete and sign the certificate below and send it with your application and a copy of the relevant governing authority's consent to the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples to the superintendent registrar of the district in which the building is situated **NO LATER THAN one month from the date of the certificate.**

CERTIFICATE

I,.....(print name)

hereby certify that the persons who are the relevant governing authority in relation

to (name of building)

in the registration district of(name of registration district)

have given their written consent to the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples
in accordance with Section 26A(3) of the Marriage Act 1949.

Signed.....

Date

***Proprietor / Trustee**

*(delete as applicable)

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SHARED BUILDINGS ONLY

4. Please list below all of the religious organisations which qualify as sharing churches in relation to the building and indicate whether the relevant governing authority of each has given their written consent to the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples or their written consent for the building to be used for that purpose (*see separate guidance notes*).

Name of religious organisation	Relevant governing authority's consent to the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples? (Yes/No)	Relevant governing authority's consent for the building to be used for the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples? (Yes/No)

5. Please complete and sign the certificate below and send it with your application to the superintendent registrar of the district in which the building is situated **NO LATER THAN** one month from the date of the certificate. Your application must be accompanied by a copy of the consent of at least one of the relevant governing authorities to the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples and the consent of each of the other qualifying sharing churches that the building may be used for that purpose.

CERTIFICATE

I, (*print name*)
hereby certify that one (or more) of the relevant governing authorities named above in section 4 has given their written consent to the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples in accordance with section 26A(3) of the Marriage Act 1949 and that each of the other relevant governing authorities named above in section 4 has given written consent for the shared building known as (*name of building*) in the registration district of (*name of registration district*) to be used for the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples.

Signed Date

***Proprietor / Trustee** (**delete as applicable*)

To be completed by the Superintendent Registrar

Form 78A fully completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relevant governing authority's consent to the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples enclosed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other relevant governing authorities' consent for the building to be used for the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples required?	Yes / No
Print Name.....		Signature			
Register Office.....		Contact number.....			

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