

Celebrants Association New Zealand

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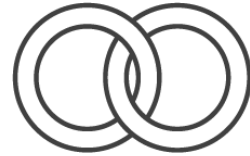
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Marriages in context



10,000
Celebrants
licenced



23,000
Marriages
registered



61,000
Births
registered



34,000
Deaths
registered



286,000
Certificates
issued



52,000
Citizenship
Applications.
14,000 by descent,
38,000 by grant



157,000
IVS applications



15,000
Apostilles



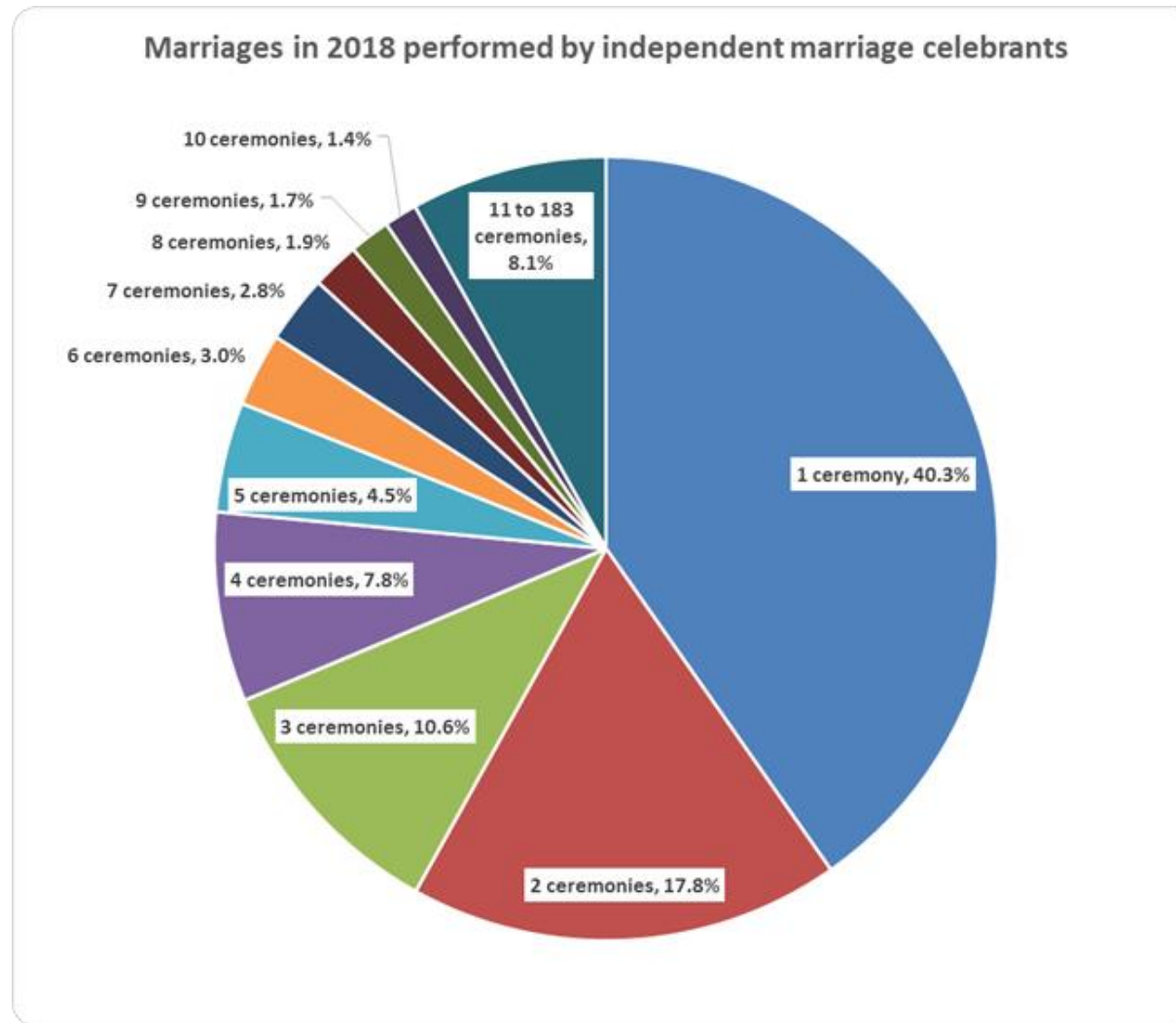
725,000
Passports
issued



1.7 million
Words translated

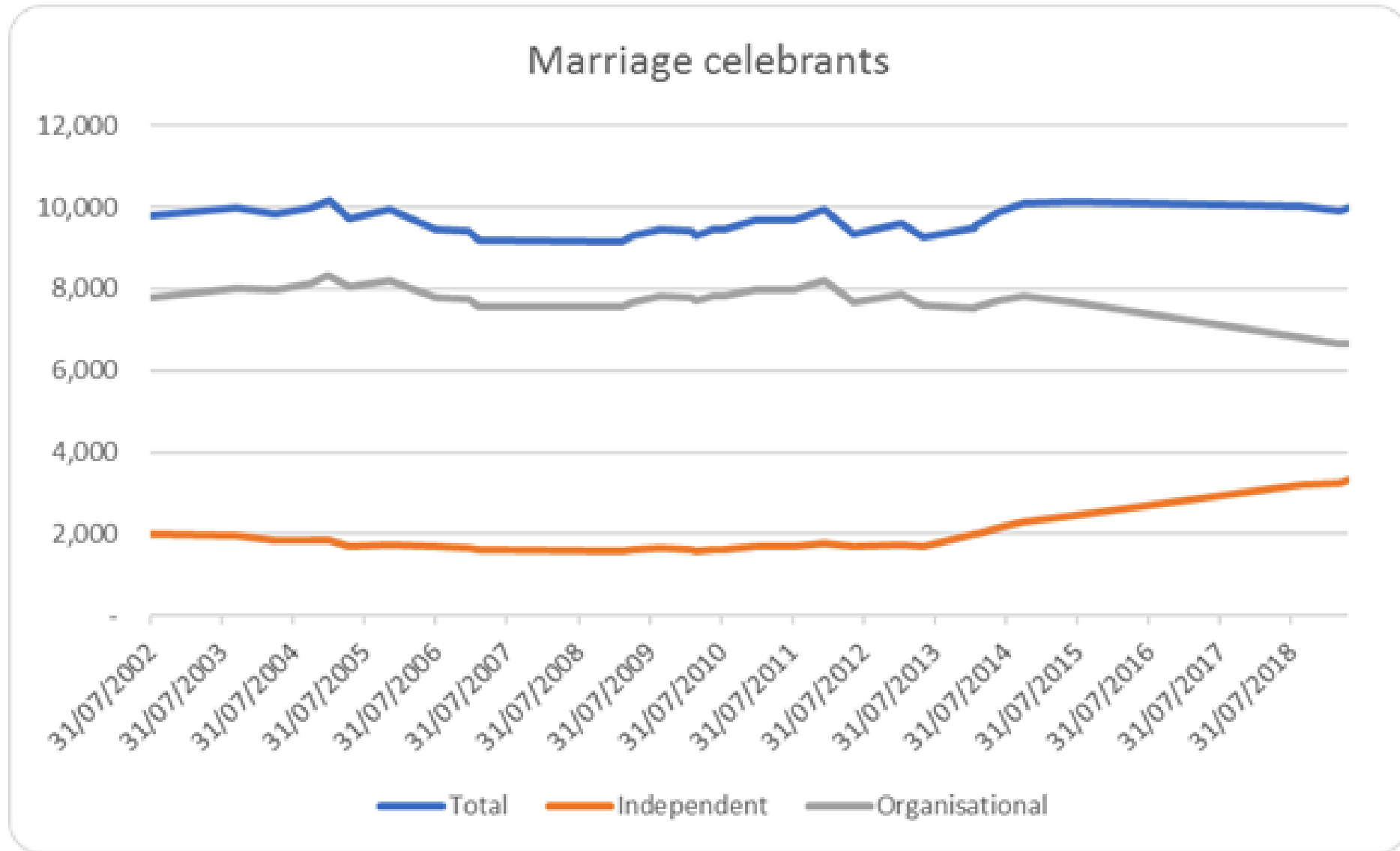


2018 for independent celebrants



Independent celebrants make up 33% of all celebrants.

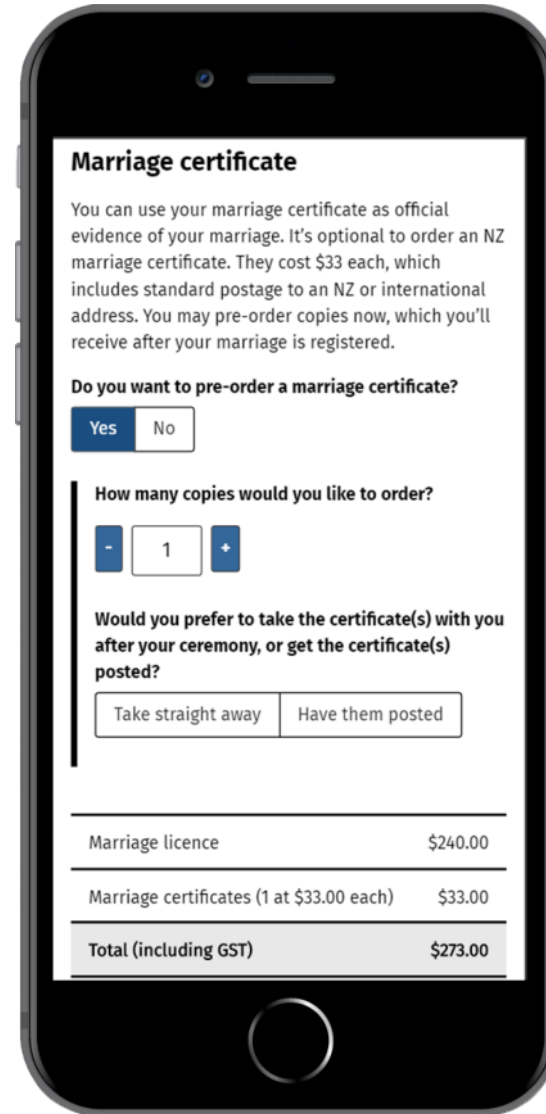
Celebrant numbers



2017: Apply for marriage licence online

August 2017: Online applications for marriage licences released.

November 2017: Online payment and pre-ordering of marriage certificates.



Marriage certificate

You can use your marriage certificate as official evidence of your marriage. It's optional to order an NZ marriage certificate. They cost \$33 each, which includes standard postage to an NZ or international address. You may pre-order copies now, which you'll receive after your marriage is registered.

Do you want to pre-order a marriage certificate?

Yes No

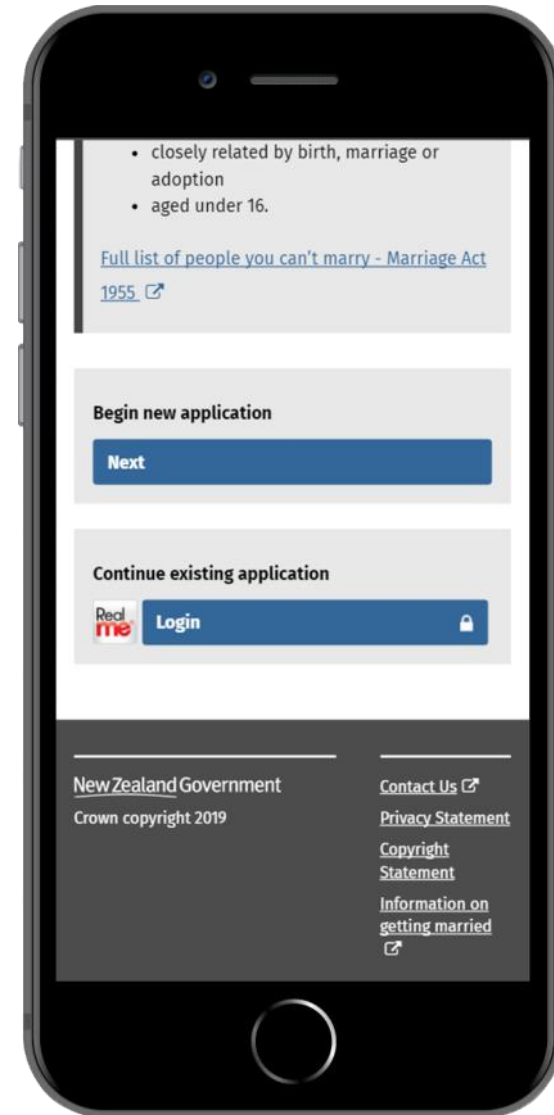
How many copies would you like to order?

Would you prefer to take the certificate(s) with you after your ceremony, or get the certificate(s) posted?

Marriage licence	\$240.00
Marriage certificates (1 at \$33.00 each)	\$33.00
Total (including GST)	\$273.00

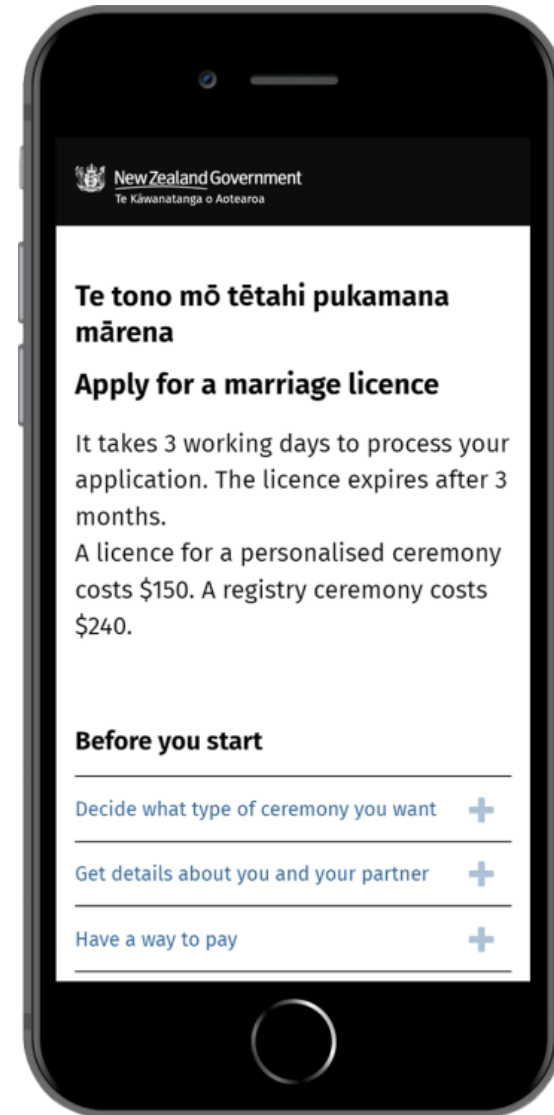
2018: Save and resume an application

July 2018: Introduction of RealMe login and Save and Resume so parties could save their partially completed application for up to 30 days.



2018: Online verification

October 2018: Legislative changes took effect, and online verification removed the need to visit a registry office.

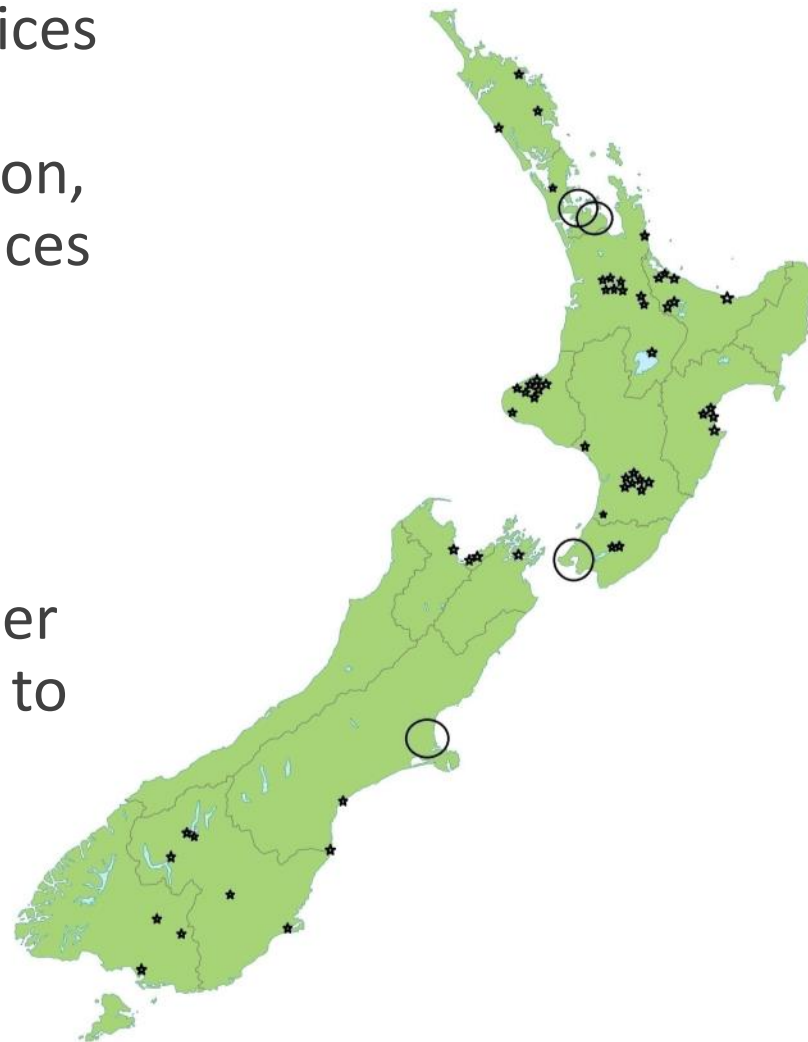


Registry offices: the numbers

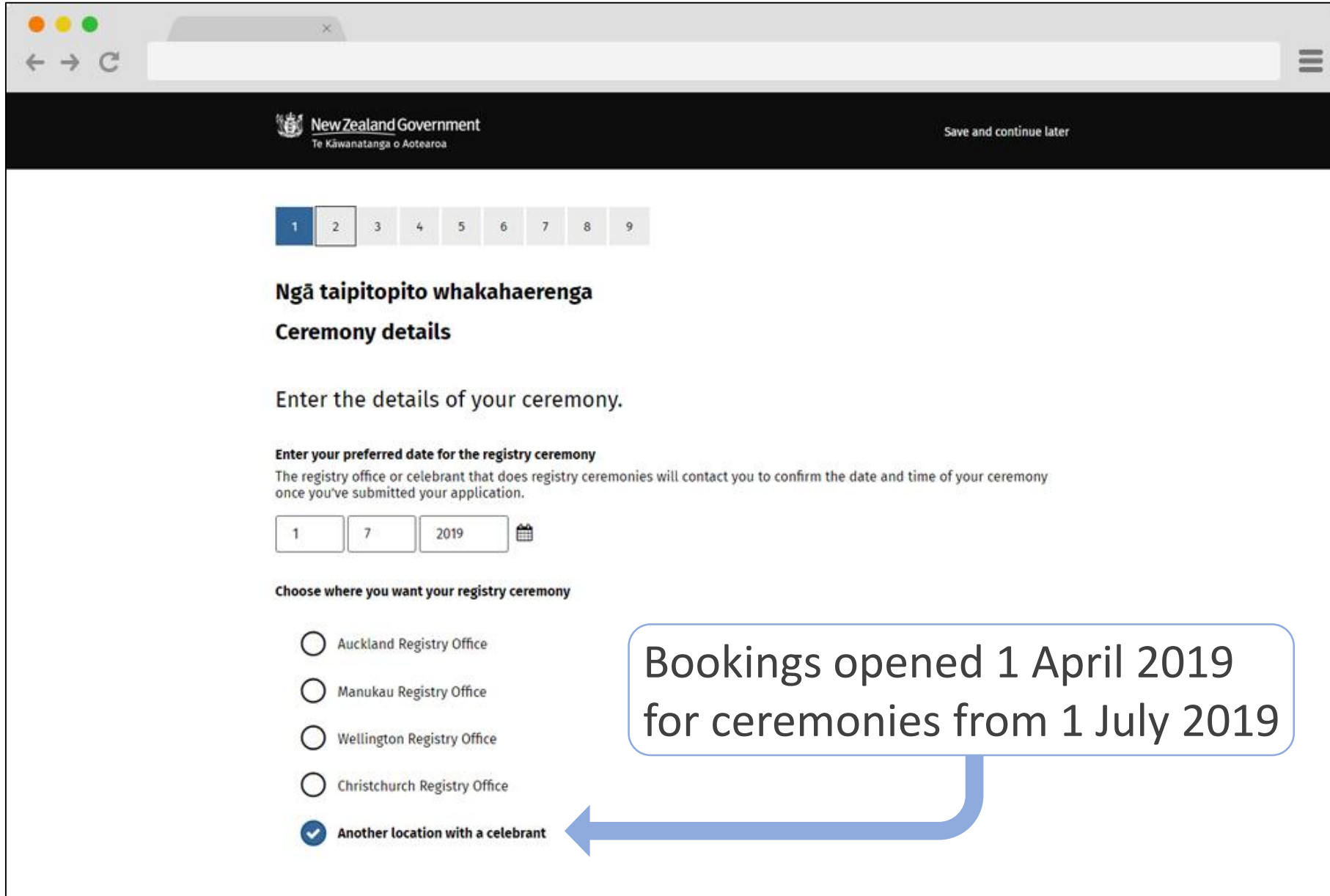
Total	5690	100.00%	Taupo	27	0.47%
Auckland	1922	33.78%	Ashburton	23	0.40%
Manukau	1039	18.26%	Masterton	22	0.39%
Christchurch	557	9.79%	Thames	19	0.33%
Wellington	476	8.37%	Greymouth	17	0.30%
Hamilton	256	4.50%	Hawera	17	0.30%
Tauranga	173	3.04%	Carterton	16	0.28%
Queenstown	125	2.20%	Motueka	15	0.26%
Dunedin	112	1.97%	Kaikohe	14	0.25%
Rotorua	96	1.69%	Alexandra	13	0.23%
Palmerston North	95	1.67%	Morrinsville	13	0.23%
Whangarei	81	1.42%	Tokoroa	13	0.23%
Hastings	66	1.16%	Gore	12	0.21%
Nelson	61	1.07%	Kaikoura	10	0.18%
New Plymouth	54	0.95%	Westport	8	0.14%
Invercargill	53	0.93%	Matamata	8	0.14%
Napier	52	0.91%	Huntly	6	0.11%
Gisborne	36	0.63%	Kaitaia	6	0.11%
Whakatane	35	0.62%	Dannevirke	4	0.07%
Blenheim	33	0.58%	Taumarunui	4	0.07%
Timaru	33	0.58%	Taihape	3	0.05%
Levin	31	0.54%	Te Aroha	3	0.05%
Wanganui	29	0.51%	Wairoa	1	0.02%
			Chatham Is	1	0.02%

2019 changes to registry ceremonies

- From 1 July 2019 Registry Offices Weddings will be available at Auckland, Manukau, Wellington, Christchurch (75%) at DIA offices
- Rest of NZ (25%) with VCANZ members
- Court Registrars can still take statutory declarations on paper forms, then couple post form to DIA.



April 2019: Couples can choose



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the New Zealand Government website. The page is titled "Ngā taipitopito whakahaerenga" (Ceremony details) and includes a progress bar with steps 1 through 9. Step 1 is active. The form asks for the preferred date for the registry ceremony, with input fields for "1", "7", and "2019". Below this, it asks to choose where the ceremony will take place, with radio button options for Auckland, Manukau, Wellington, Christchurch, and "Another location with a celebrant". The "Another location with a celebrant" option is selected. A blue callout box with an arrow points to this option, containing the text: "Bookings opened 1 April 2019 for ceremonies from 1 July 2019".

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Save and continue later

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Ngā taipitopito whakahaerenga

Ceremony details

Enter the details of your ceremony.

Enter your preferred date for the registry ceremony
The registry office or celebrant that does registry ceremonies will contact you to confirm the date and time of your ceremony once you've submitted your application.

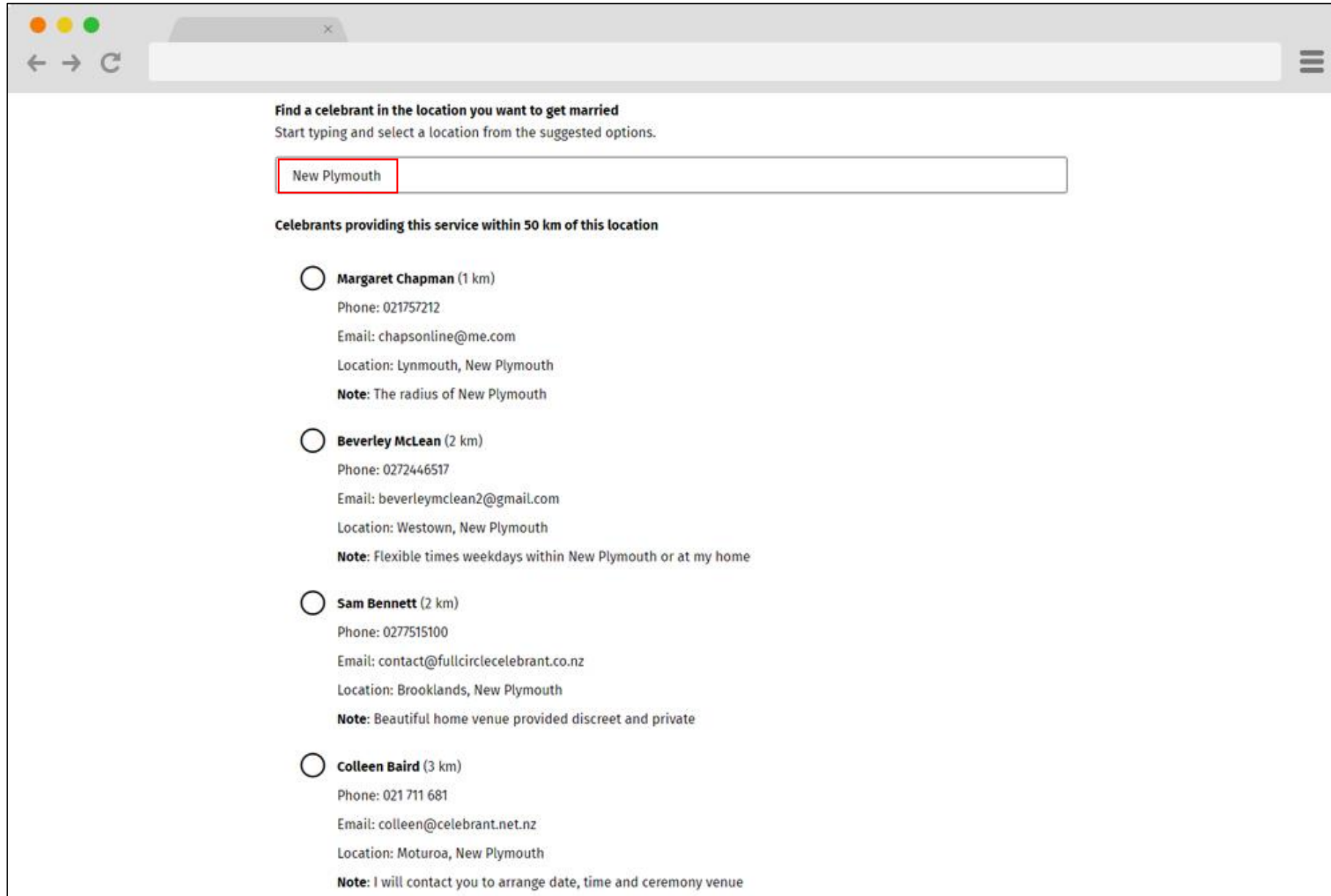
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Choose where you want your registry ceremony

- Auckland Registry Office
- Manukau Registry Office
- Wellington Registry Office
- Christchurch Registry Office
- Another location with a celebrant

Bookings opened 1 April 2019
for ceremonies from 1 July 2019

April 2019: Couples can choose



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a search bar containing "New Plymouth". Below the search bar, the page displays a list of celebrants within 50 km of the location. The browser's address bar is empty, and the page title is "Find a celebrant in the location you want to get married".

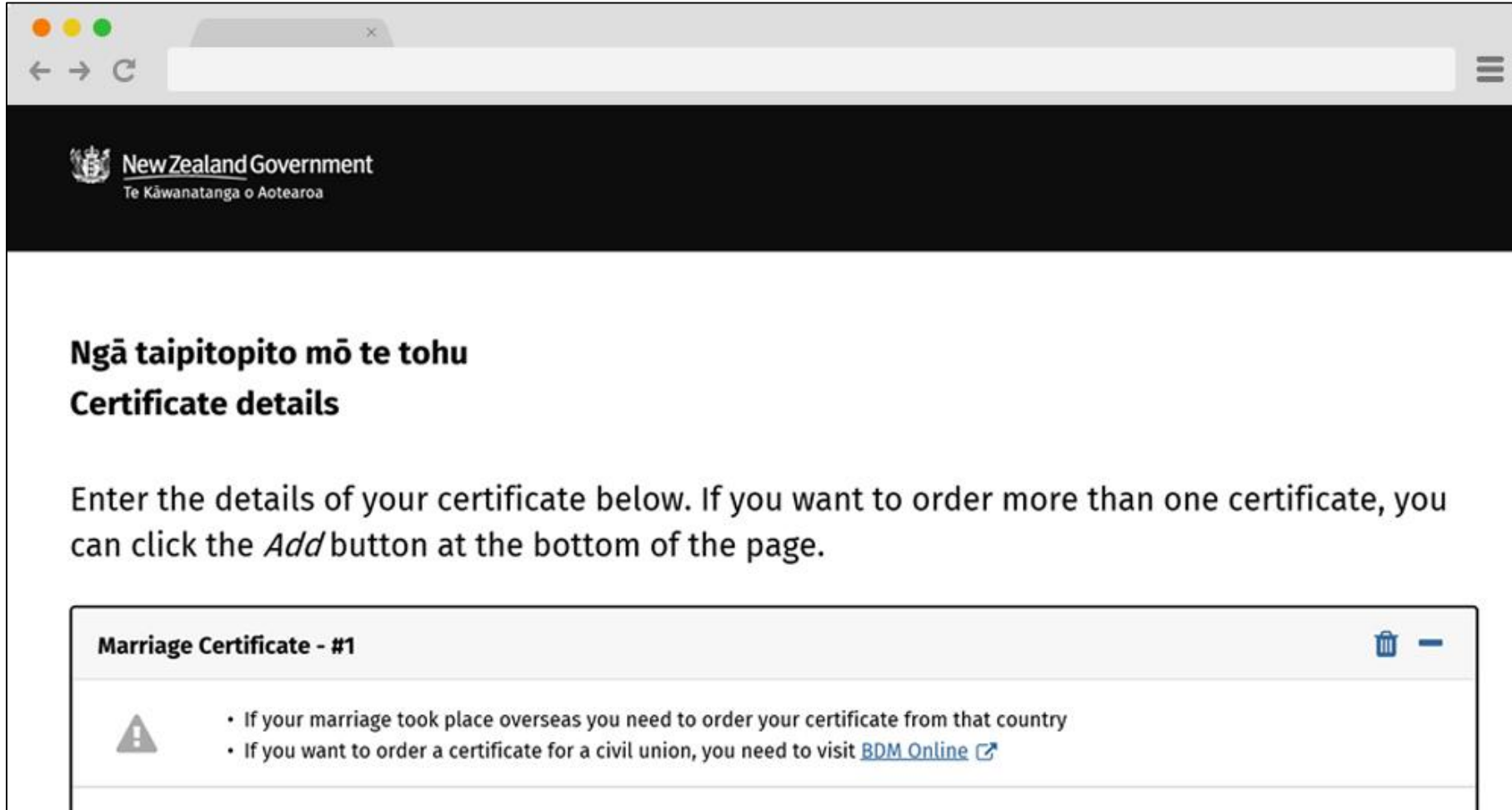
Find a celebrant in the location you want to get married
Start typing and select a location from the suggested options.

New Plymouth

Celebrants providing this service within 50 km of this location

- Margaret Chapman** (1 km)
Phone: 021757212
Email: chapsonline@me.com
Location: Lynmouth, New Plymouth
Note: The radius of New Plymouth
- Beverley McLean** (2 km)
Phone: 0272446517
Email: beverleymclean2@gmail.com
Location: Westown, New Plymouth
Note: Flexible times weekdays within New Plymouth or at my home
- Sam Bennett** (2 km)
Phone: 0277515100
Email: contact@fullcirclecelebrant.co.nz
Location: Brooklands, New Plymouth
Note: Beautiful home venue provided discreet and private
- Colleen Baird** (3 km)
Phone: 021 711 681
Email: colleen@celebrant.net.nz
Location: Moturoa, New Plymouth
Note: I will contact you to arrange date, time and ceremony venue

Certificates are online too



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the New Zealand Government website. The page title is "Ngā taipitopito mō te tohu" (Information about the certificate) and the section is "Certificate details". The text instructs users to enter details and click the "Add" button. A card titled "Marriage Certificate - #1" contains a warning icon and two bullet points: "If your marriage took place overseas you need to order your certificate from that country" and "If you want to order a certificate for a civil union, you need to visit [BDM Online](#)".

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Ngā taipitopito mō te tohu

Certificate details

Enter the details of your certificate below. If you want to order more than one certificate, you can click the *Add* button at the bottom of the page.

Marriage Certificate - #1

- If your marriage took place overseas you need to order your certificate from that country
- If you want to order a certificate for a civil union, you need to visit [BDM Online](#)

What's next?

July 2019: New registry-style weddings in smaller centre

2020: New registry-style weddings in Wellington and then maybe Auckland and Christchurch

2020: Review of celebrant numbers and appointment process

Questions?

