

Summary of Commitment Ceremony Service Level Choices offered by Jennifer Cram, Civil Marriage Celebrant

	Full-Service Couture Ceremony (the Big Event)	Small Couture Ceremony (when a huge bridal party is not your style)	No-Fuss Intimate Ceremony
Inclusions	As many guests, bridesmaids and groomsmen as you want Formal processional Formal recessional Readings (Optional) Rituals (Optional)	1 attendant (groomsmen/bridesmaids) only. Simple or no processional. Simple or no recessional. One reading.(Optional) Simple rituals only (Optional)	Approximately 20 guests No bridal party (2 witnesses only) One or both partners may make a formal entrance No readings. Simple rituals only (Optional).
Fee Adjustment	Where a lower level has been booked but later exceeded by requests made by the couple the appropriate higher level fee will be applied.		
Ceremony Duration	20-35 minutes	20-25 minutes	15-20 minutes
PA system	YES	Small PA if required	NIL
Travel	Up to 100 km return to venue for ceremony plus travel for rehearsal	Up to 100 km return to venue for ceremony	Up to 100 km return to venue for ceremony
Fee	\$500	\$425	\$350
Ceremony: NB I gather information from you, the couple, to ensure I have a detailed appreciation of your wishes for your ceremony and then custom-create a ceremony for you. You are NOT expected to compile your own ceremony from pre-written components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom-created ceremony written to your specifications • Inclusion of guests • Rituals • Readings • Guidance in writing your own vows if you wish • Liaison with photographer, videographer, and musicians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom-created ceremony written to your specifications • Inclusion of guests • Simple rituals requiring no rehearsal. • No more than one reading • Guidance in writing your own vows if you wish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom-created ceremony written to your specifications • Inclusion of guests • Guidance in writing your own vows if you wish • Rituals limited to exchange of rings • No readings
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of ceremony • Reading in attractive folders • Presentation folder for Commitment Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of ceremony • Reading in attractive folder • Presentation folder for Commitment Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed keepsake copy of ceremony
Rehearsal	Rehearsal (on site if available or elsewhere)	Some staging directions in ceremony script. Optional mini-rehearsal for couple only in my office.	No rehearsal
Surcharges (only where applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated excess travel costs where venue is more than 100km return (Applies for each instance of travel to venue) • Parking or venue entrance fees at cost • Fee for additional administration requirements to provide documentation relating to immigration or identity issues, if required. • Late Start fee where couple is not ready to commence ceremony within 30 minutes of start time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated excess travel costs where venue is more than 100km return • Parking or venue entrance fees at cost • Fee for additional administration requirements to provide documentation relating to immigration or identity issues, if required. • Late Start fee where couple is not ready to commence ceremony within 30 minutes of agreed start time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated excess travel costs where venue is more than 100 km return • Parking or venue entrance fees at cost • Fee for additional administration requirements to provide documentation relating to immigration or identity issues, if required. • Late Start fee where couple is not ready to commence ceremony within 30 minutes of agreed start time

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Explaining My Fees

Commitment ceremonies are not “one size fits all”. Different clients have different needs, so I offer a range of options, with differing fees and inclusions. My fees for conducting your ceremony are based on a number of criteria in order to provide you with options that will match your needs and your budget. Because different options require differing levels of input, time and energy required to develop, create and perform your ceremony for you my fees reflect the size and complexity of your ceremony as impacted by a combination of the following:

- the size of the ceremony
- type/complexity of the ceremony
- time required to develop the ceremony
- whether a rehearsal is required
- the day of the week on which the ceremony is held
- the location of the ceremony:

1. Size

This is based on the size of the ‘wedding party’ and the number of guests. I use number of guests as the simple criterion because that drives the size of the wedding party and also drives the amount of equipment needed on the day and the length and complexity of the ceremony itself. The larger the group of people, the more time I need to spend on creating the ceremony and co-ordinating the details.

2. Type/Complexity of Ceremony

I custom-create each ceremony for an individual couple. I do not expect you to choose from pre-written ceremonies or components.

3. Time required to develop the ceremony

Developing a custom-created ceremony that reflects your personalities, styles and wishes takes time. The more complex the ceremony the more time it takes. I write a first draft based on information I gather from you and you have full rights of editing. Going through the process with one or more drafts also takes time.

4. Rehearsal

A large wedding party with a processional and recessional needs a rehearsal, as do complex rituals. Readers also need to be rehearsed. A rehearsal is built in to the full-service couture ceremony fee structure but I am happy to add a full onsite rehearsal to any of the other levels of service (add \$100 to the fee). If the ceremony site is more than 100 km return trip from my office you will also need to double the excess travel fee.

5. Location of Ceremony

I build travelling into my fee structure. Travel beyond 100 km return (which covers Brisbane City, Ipswich, Logan Shire, Pine Rivers, Redcliffe and Redlands) attracts an additional fee .

The Bottom Line

When comparing the costs of celebrant services it is important that you have an accurate picture. **Because I offer a range of service levels you will never need to pay for services you don’t use, and because I come to you for all meetings you won’t need to add the hidden cost of travel to your ceremony cost.**

What Jennifer Cram’s services will cost you

Ceremony Fee	<i>Refer Summary of Service Levels for the fee for your ceremony</i>	\$
Total Cost		\$

What other Celebrants services might cost you.

Always establish exactly what the quoted fee includes and whether there will be additional charges for services such as a rehearsal.

- there may be undisclosed and/hidden costs.
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Ceremony Fee		\$						
Cost of Rehearsal		\$						
Other Add-on Costs		\$						
Cost of Travel to meetings: <i>Eg if celebrant requires 3 meetings and lives 37 km return from your home the cost of attending meetings will be .66c x 37 x 3 = \$73.26 (NB .66c per km is the ATO level for claiming car expenses)</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Number of km return = number of meetings =</td> <td>_____ km</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Km X Meetings</td> <td>_____ km</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total km X .66c per km = Total Cost of attending meetings</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> </table>	Number of km return = number of meetings =	_____ km	Km X Meetings	_____ km	Total km X .66c per km = Total Cost of attending meetings	\$ _____	\$
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Combo Commitment Ceremony

A combo commitment ceremony is a commitment that

- incorporates another type of ceremony, or
- includes more than one couple (double or triple wedding), or
- Follows close on or is closely followed by a second but related ceremony (usually within hours but possibly involving a change of venue)

Because of the complexity and work required to develop and officiate at a combo ceremony an additional fee applies. This will typically be the full fee for the wedding plus 50% of the fee for the second type of ceremony.