

Early Marriage Support Programme

To attend the Early Marriage Support (EMS) programme, please contact:

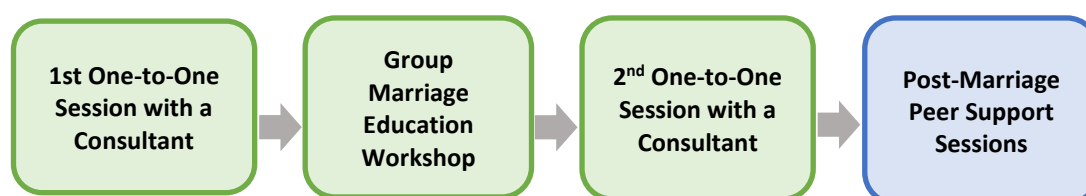
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1. What is the Early Marriage Support (EMS) programme?

The EMS programme is a marriage preparation and support programme which prepares young couples, where one or both parties are aged 18 to below 21 years old or the groom is aged 21 to below 25 years and the bride is 21 years and above, for a healthy and enriching marriage and family life. The programme helps couples understand each other better, and provides practical skills to build a strong marriage. Some of the topics covered include communication and conflict resolution, in-law relationship, financial literacy and management, family planning, managing roles and expectations.

The EMS programme comprises:

- One-to-one sessions with a consultant (2 sessions of 2hrs each)
- Group marriage education workshop (4 sessions of 4hrs each)
- Post-marriage peer support sessions (4 sessions of 2hrs each)



Minor couples are **required** to complete the one-to-one sessions and the group marriage education workshop before they can proceed to file a notice of marriage. The EMS service provider will issue a certificate of attendance that minor couples have to bring along when they visit the Registry of Marriages (ROM) for verification of documents.

2. What is the expected time needed for signing up and completing EMS?

It takes about 4 to 6 weeks for couples to complete the one-to-one sessions and group marriage education workshop. Post-marriage peer support sessions are offered within the couple's first year of marriage.

Couples are advised to register with the service provider early for the EMS programme to avoid delaying their marriage.

3. Do couples have to pay to attend EMS?

No, couples do not have to pay to attend the EMS programme.