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## 1. General information

This file sets out the information that you will need to access the data provided.

In order to process and analyse the data, users should be in possession of appropriate software that can handle very large datasets. Users may contact Stats SA for advice in this regard if necessary.

The files essential for accessing the data are provided in text format. Other files with relevant information have been provided in Word, PDF and Excel 2000 formats. If you do not have software appropriate for this format, please contact Stats SA and hard copies of the documents will be forwarded to you.

## 2. Contents of CD

### 2.1 Data

This directory contains the data files in text format:

- Civil marriages 2010.txt
- Customary marriages 2010.txt
- Civil unions 2010.txt
- Divorces 2010.txt

### 2.2 Metadata

This file contains information on the corresponding sections:

- Civil marriages: Information on couples married in 2010.
- Customary marriages: Information on couples married in 2010.
- Civil unions: Information on couples in civil unions 2010.
- Divorces: Information on couples divorced in 2010.

### 2.3 Record layouts

The record layouts contain information about the question numbers, a short description and also the start position and length of each variable in the Marriages file and Divorces file.

Variable names, which are also supplied for convenience, are the ones used internally within Stats SA.

The metadata should be consulted for more detail descriptions of the variables.

### 2.4 Instrument of data collection

This directory contains the following in PDF format:

- Divorce form (Form 07-04).

### 2.5 Publication

This directory contains the statistical release in PDF format:

- Marriages and Divorces 2010: Statistical release P0307.

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### 3. Requirements

The following minimum hard drive space is required:

- Data 4.04 MB
- Other 0.48 MB

### 4. Coverage

Data consist of civil marriages, customary marriages and civil unions that were recorded for 2010 in the National Population Register by the Department of Home Affairs.

The divorce data cover civil marriages that were granted divorce in 2010 by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

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