

Marriage License

FLORIDA MARRIAGE GUIDE

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EVERY MARRIAGE LICENSE IS ISSUED BY A COUNTY COURT JUDGE OR CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT UNDER HIS OR HER HAND AND SEAL. MARRIAGE LICENSES ARE ISSUED BY COUNTIES AND YOU CAN APPLY FOR YOUR LICENSE AT ANY COUNTY CLERK'S. CLICK HERE FOR CLERK OF THE COURT CONTACT INFORMATION BY COUNTY. YOU CAN GET MARRIED IN ANY COUNTY IN FLORIDA, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU OBTAINED YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE. TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE YOU NEED:

- **IDENTIFICATION:** A PICTURE ID SUCH AS A DRIVER'S LICENSE, STATE ID CARD, OR VALID PASSPORT; BOTH PARTIES WILL ALSO HAVE TO PROVIDE THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, BUT DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS.
- **FEES:** \$93.50. MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES CAN BE REDUCED BY UP TO \$32.50 IF YOU COMPLETE A LICENSED FLORIDA PRE-MARITAL COURSE.

MARRIAGE LICENSE IS VALID FOR 60 DAYS AFTER ISSUANCE. YOU MUST PERFORM THE CEREMONY OF MARRIAGE BEFORE THIS 60 DAYS HAS EXPIRED. BLOOD TESTS ARE NOT REQUIRED. THERE IS A 3-DAY WAITING PERIOD AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE BEFORE YOU CAN GET MARRIED, UNLESS YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE FLORIDA PRE-MARITAL COURSE, IN WHICH CASE THE WAITING PERIOD IS WAIVED. FLORIDA MARRIAGE STATUTES CAN BE FOUND HERE:

[HTTP://WWW.LEG.STATE.FL.US/STATUTES/INDEX.CFM?
APP_MODE=DISPLAY_STATUTE&URL=0700-0799/0741/0741.HTML](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?app_mode=display_statute&url=0700-0799/0741/0741.html)

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IF YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED IN A PARTICULAR CITY AND NEED TO LOCATE THE COURTHOUSE BUT ARE NOT SURE WHAT COUNTY, CLICK HERE FOR A LISTING OF CITIES /CITIES-WITH-COUNTY/ ALONG WITH THE COUNTY IDENTIFICATION WHICH WILL ALLOW YOU TO LOCATE THE COURTHOUSE /CLERKS-OF-COURT/.

PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM MARRIAGES

ALL REGULARLY ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL OR ELDERS IN COMMUNION WITH SOME CHURCH, OR OTHER ORDAINED CLERGY, AND ALL JUDICIAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING RETIRED JUDICIAL OFFICERS, CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS, AND NOTARIES PUBLIC OF THIS STATE MAY SOLEMNIZE THE RIGHTS OF MATRIMONIAL CONTRACT, UNDER THE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. SEE STATUTE 741.07: [HTTP://WWW.LEG.STATE.FL.US/STATUTES/INDEX.CFM?
APP_MODE=DISPLAY_STATUTE&URL=0700-0799/0741/0741.HTML](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?app_mode=display_statute&url=0700-0799/0741/0741.html)

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NOW THAT WE'VE HIT THE 30 DAY COUNTDOWN TO YOUR BIG DAY, IT'S TIME TO PREP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE!

THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS YOU WILL NEED TO GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN GEORGIA. BRING THEM TO YOUR IN-PERSON APPOINTMENT.

- **PROOF OF AGE.** YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO GET MARRIED IN GEORGIA, AND YOU HAVE TO HAVE PROOF OF YOUR AGE. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WILL DO THE TRICK: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, DRIVER'S LICENSE, BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, PASSPORT, IMMIGRATION PAPERS, HOSPITAL ADMISSION CARD WITH THE FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH, ETC.
- **PROOF OF DIVORCE.** IF ONE OF YOU HAS EVER GOTTEN A DIVORCE, YOU WILL NEED TO ENTER YOUR DIVORCE DATE ON THE APPLICATION. IF A DIVORCE WAS GRANTED 30 DAYS OR LESS FROM WHEN YOU ARE APPLYING FOR YOUR LICENSE, YOU WILL NEED A COPY OF THE DIVORCE DECREE. "ONE OF THE BIGGEST MISTAKES COUPLES MAKE WHEN APPLYING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE IS NOT BRINGING THEIR DIVORCE DECREE WITH THEM," SAID GUESS.
- **MONEY.** MARRIAGE LICENSES COST APPROXIMATELY \$56 IN GEORGIA. YOU CAN PAY IN CASH (BUT NO BILLS LARGER THAN \$20), MONEY ORDER, OR CREDIT CARD. TO REDUCE THE PRICE TO \$16 YOU CAN COMPLETE A STATE-APPROVED PREMARITAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

GET MARRIED!

YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE IS NOT PROOF OF MARRIAGE OR A LEGAL DOCUMENT SHOWING YOU ARE MARRIED. RATHER, IT'S A LICENSE THAT GIVES YOU PERMISSION TO MARRY. YOUR OFFICIANT WILL EXAMINE YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE BEFORE YOUR CEREMONY AND THEN COMPLETE IT AFTER IT'S OVER. IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PROBATE COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THERE IS NO WAITING PERIOD IN GEORGIA, WHICH MEANS YOU CAN GET MARRIED AS SOON AS YOU GET YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE. THEY ALSO DON'T HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE, SO YOU CAN GET A LICENSE FAR IN ADVANCE OF YOUR FESTIVITIES.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA ARE ISSUED BY EACH COUNTY'S PROBATE JUDGE. DUE TO COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES, APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN VARY WIDELY COUNTY TO COUNTY. CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE YOU WILL BE FILING AT TO CONFIRM THAT OFFICE'S REQUIREMENTS.

TO GET MARRIED IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, YOU NEED TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE. SOUTH CAROLINA DOES ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSES FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES. THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO BOTH RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS:

- PRIOR TO COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES, BOTH PARTIES HAD TO APPEAR TOGETHER AT THE OFFICE OF A SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE AND FILE A WRITTEN APPLICATION. THIS APPLICATION ASKS FOR THE FULL NAME, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR ALIEN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, AGE, AND PLACE TO GET MARRIED.

- IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, YOU DO NOT NEED PARENTAL CONSENT. BUT YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF YOUR AGE (OR SIMPLY IDENTIFICATION IF YOU'RE OVER AGE 25) BY PRESENTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - - VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARD
 - - ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
 - - CURRENT MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD
 - - CURRENT PASSPORT; PLUS CURRENT VISA ATTACHED IF NOT A US CITIZEN UNTY.

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TO GET MARRIED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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- - ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- - CURRENT MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD
- - CURRENT PASSPORT; PLUS CURRENT VISA ATTACHED IF NOT A US CITIZEN
- IF YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, PARENTAL CONSENT CAN BE GRANTED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD. ALL MINOR APPLICANTS MUST FILE AN ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR A CERTIFIED COPY OF THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE, WHICH BECOMES A PART OF THEIR PERMANENT APPLICATION RECORD. PRIOR TO COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A MINOR APPLICANT HAD TO APPEAR AT THE SAME TIME AS THE MINOR TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION AND SIGN A FORM CONSENTING TO THE MARRIAGE. CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE FOR CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.
- NO BLOOD TEST OR PHYSICAL EXAM IS REQUIRED.
- SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCY IS NOT REQUIRED.
- A SOUTH CAROLINA LICENSE CAN BE USED IN ANY COUNTY IN THE STATE
- IF RECENTLY DIVORCED, LEGAL PROOF OF THE DIVORCE MAY BE NEEDED. THIS VARIES BY COUNTY SO PLEASE CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE TO CONFIRM THAT COUNTY'S REQUIREMENT.
- THE FEE FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE VARIES FROM COUNTY TO COUNTY.

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HOW DO I GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

COUPLES GETTING MARRIED IN NORTH CAROLINA MUST GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE BEFORE THE WEDDING. IF YOUR WEDDING WILL BE IN NORTH CAROLINA, YOU CAN GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE FROM THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN ANY COUNTY IN THE STATE. IN GENERAL, BOTH PARTNERS MUST VISIT THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE, THOUGH SOME COUNTIES ALLOW ONLINE APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE VISITING THE OFFICE TO SAVE TIME. APPLICANTS FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE MUST PAY A FEE AND FILL OUT A FORM STATING THEIR NAMES, AGES, MARITAL STATUS, AND INTENTION TO MARRY.

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE EITHER A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR A NOTARIZED STATEMENT THAT THE APPLICANT IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. THE REGISTER OF DEEDS MAY REQUIRE PROOF OF AGE, SUCH AS A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED ID OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE. THE REGISTER OF DEEDS MAY ALSO REQUIRE PROOF OF DIVORCE IF EITHER PARTNER WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED. BECAUSE REQUIREMENTS CAN VARY, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN YOUR COUNTY WITH ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE WEDDING DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE MUST BE ISSUED BEFORE THE WEDDING. NORTH CAROLINA HAS NO REQUIRED WAITING PERIOD BETWEEN THE ISSUANCE OF THE MARRIAGE LICENSE AND THE WEDDING. A MARRIAGE LICENSE EXPIRES AFTER 60 DAYS IF THE WEDDING HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE, AND APPLICANTS MUST APPLY AGAIN IF THE WEDDING DOES NOT OCCUR WITHIN 60 DAYS.

WHO CAN OFFICIATE A WEDDING IN NORTH CAROLINA?

A WEDDING CAN BE PERFORMED BY A MAGISTRATE OR BY ANY MINISTER WHO IS ORDAINED IN A RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION OR AUTHORIZED BY A CHURCH. MARRIAGES CAN ALSO BE PERFORMED IN THE RECOGNIZED MANNER OF ANY RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION THAT DOES NOT USE OFFICIANTS, OR IN THE RECOGNIZED MANNER OF ANY FEDERALLY OR STATE-RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE.

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HOW CAN I ARRANGE TO HAVE A MAGISTRATE PERFORM MY WEDDING?
YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE IN YOUR COUNTY, BECAUSE
AVAILABILITY VARIES BY COUNTY.

CAN A JUDGE PERFORM MY WEDDING?

NO. JUDGES CANNOT PERFORM MARRIAGES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ARE PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS ("PRENUPS") LEGAL IN NORTH CAROLINA?

YES. PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS ARE LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE AS LONG AS ALL
LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS CAN BE USED TO
DETERMINE PROPERTY AND INHERITANCE RIGHTS AND TO CHANGE OR
ELIMINATE THE RIGHT TO SPOUSAL SUPPORT IF THE MARRIAGE ENDS.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT?

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