

Washington State Marriage Officiant Guide

Marriage Officiants: Regularly-ordained or licensed ministers or priests of any church or religious denomination in good standing within the State of Washington may perform marriage ceremonies anywhere in the state. (Regularly-ordained ministers in good standing with their church, but not residing in Washington state, are also permitted to serve anywhere in the state without restriction.)

Officiants are not required to register with any agency in the state, but you must hold a current, valid ministerial license prior to performing a marriage ceremony, and you must present your credentials to any legal authority and/or the bridal couple upon their request. Ministers must submit two certificates of marriage to the county auditor within 30 days after the marriage.

MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Much of the information below is state law in Washington state; however, this information can vary from county to county, and is subject to change. We highly recommend contacting your county clerk's office before applying for your marriage license.

ID Requirement: Valid driver's license, certified birth certificate or valid passport.

If Previously Married: A divorce must be final and filed before applicants can apply for a license. Documents are not necessary.

Residency Requirement: Neither party to the marriage is required to reside in Washington.

Application Requirement: Both parties to the marriage must appear in person at the time of applying for their marriage license.

Proxy Marriages: Not permitted.

Fees: Vary from county to county; generally \$52 — cash only.

Waiting Period: There is a three-day waiting period from the date of license issuance.

Blood Tests: No blood test requirement.

Under 18: Applicants between 17 and 18 years of age must have a parent (legal custodian) present with them to provide their consent. If you are under 17 years old, you will need to have the age requirement waived by a Superior Court judge of the county in which one of the parties resides. Proof of age, such as a driver's license or birth certificate, is also required along with the written permission of the family court. Emancipated minors must present court emancipation papers specifically allowing the minor to marry.

Same-Gender Marriages: Permitted.

Valid: A Washington State marriage license is valid for 60 days. The marriage license can only be solemnized within the State of Washington.


For additional information, please visit FirstNationMinistry.org

The above information is believed to be correct, but does not purport to be legal advice, is not all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. Under the terms specified in your ordination, you are solely responsible for becoming familiar with and complying to all current laws and regulations in effect within the jurisdiction in which you will conduct ceremonies.

State of Washington Certificate of Marriage

Officiant: Please review the actual marriage certificate form obtained by your bridal couple to make sure that each of you are familiar with the document, and to ensure that it is filled out completely and properly.

The certificate must be returned to the issuing county clerk's office promptly after the ceremony. If you have questions about the certificate or your responsibility in completing it, please contact the issuing county clerk's office immediately.

		CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE Please type or print clearly in permanent black ink.		State File Number
COUNTY OF LICENSE		DATE VALID	NOT VALID AFTER	
OFFICIANT - I certify the persons named below were married on				
1. DATE OF MARRIAGE (MO/DAY/YR)	2. COUNTY OF CEREMONY	3. TYPE OF CEREMONY <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Civil		4. DATE SIGNED (MO/DAY/YR)
5. OFFICIANT'S NAME (PRINT)		6. OFFICIANT'S SIGNATURE X		
7. OFFICIANT'S ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE & ZIP)				
GROOM				
8. GROOM'S NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	
9. USUAL RESIDENCE ADDRESS (NUMBER AND STREET)		10. DATE OF BIRTH (MO/DAY/YR)	11. BIRTHSTATE (IF NOT USA GIVE COUNTRY)	
12. CITY/TOWN/LOCATION		13. INSIDE CITY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	14. COUNTY	15. STATE
16. FATHER'S NAME (FIRST/LAST)		17. BIRTHSTATE (IF NOT USA GIVE COUNTRY)		18. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (FIRST/LAST)
18. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (FIRST/LAST)		19. BIRTHSTATE (IF NOT USA GIVE COUNTRY)		20. GROOM'S SIGNATURE X
20. GROOM'S SIGNATURE X		21. DATE SIGNED (MO/DAY/YR)		
BRIDE				
22. BRIDE'S NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	
23. MAIDEN NAME		24. USUAL RESIDENCE ADDRESS (NUMBER AND STREET)		25. DATE OF BIRTH (MO/DAY/YR)
24. USUAL RESIDENCE ADDRESS (NUMBER AND STREET)		26. BIRTHSTATE (IF NOT USA GIVE COUNTRY)		27. CITY/TOWN/LOCATION
27. CITY/TOWN/LOCATION		28. INSIDE CITY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	29. COUNTY	30. STATE
31. FATHER'S NAME (FIRST/LAST)		32. BIRTHSTATE (IF NOT USA GIVE COUNTRY)		33. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (FIRST/LAST)
33. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (FIRST/LAST)		34. BIRTHSTATE (IF NOT USA GIVE COUNTRY)		35. BRIDE'S SIGNATURE X
35. BRIDE'S SIGNATURE X		36. DATE SIGNED (MO/DAY/YR)		
37. WITNESS' SIGNATURE X		38. WITNESS' SIGNATURE X		
39. COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE X		40. DATE RECEIVED (MO/DAY/YR)		
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Sample Certificate of Marriage — Actual Form May Vary