

MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

A marriage license can be obtained by visiting the Clerk & Recorder's office from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Our office is located at 405 Argentine, PO Box 2000, Georgetown, CO 80444; 303-679-2339. Both parties must be present (see below for information on how to apply if both parties cannot be present), and provide valid identification.

Acceptable ID includes:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Valid Driver's License (or temporary issued with voided previous license)
3. Passport (VALID)
4. Valid state identification card (or temporary issued with voided previous ID)
5. Military identification
6. Alien Registration Card ("Green" card)
7. Any government issued identification containing a photo, date of birth, issue date, and expiration date

Unacceptable ID includes:

1. Matricula Consular cards
2. Expired drivers licenses
3. Voter registration cards
4. Social security cards

Before the Marriage

Prior to your ceremony, both parties must come to our office to complete and sign the license application. If one of the parties cannot appear in person, he or she must complete a marriage license absentee affidavit and sign it before a notary public, and include a copy of the non-appearing applicant's identification, before it can be accepted in our office. You do not have to be a Colorado resident to apply for a marriage license.

If either party has been married or party to a civil union previously, we require the date, place and type of court where the divorce/dissolution took place. Widows/widowers need to supply the date and place of death of their former spouse.

A couple already married, who wish to renew their marriage vows, or those who have a common law marriage may obtain a license by stating that they are married to each other.

Restrictions

A couple is prohibited from marrying when one of the parties is still married to another person. Divorces/Dissolutions must be final. Marriages are also prohibited between ancestor and descendant, brother and sister, uncle and niece, or aunt and nephew, whether the relationship is by half or whole blood. Marriage between cousins is permitted in the State of Colorado.

Age Requirement

The age requirements for both parties are the same.

Both parties must provide satisfactory proof that they will have attained the age of eighteen years at the time the marriage license becomes effective.

Ages 16 or 17, an original or certified copy of a judicial order must be provided, showing consent to marry.

Blood Test

As of July 1, 1989, blood tests are no longer required for either party in the State of Colorado.

Marriage License Application Process

You may obtain a license at the Clerk and Recorder's Office at 405 Argentine, Georgetown, CO 80444 during business hours. The cost of the license is \$30.00 and must be used within 35 days of issuance.

The Marriage

Ceremony

Marriage licenses issued in the State of Colorado cannot be used in any other state or country. Couples themselves may solemnize their own marriage (C.R.S. 14-2-109). Others who can solemnize a marriage are judges, retired judges, magistrates, Indian tribe officials and clergy. Although the couple may solemnize their own marriage, that does not mean a friend or relative can sign as an officiant on a marriage certificate. Clergy or judges from out-of-state need not be registered in Colorado.

License

The person solemnizing the marriage shall complete the marriage certificate and return it to the County Clerk & Recorder within sixty-three days after the ceremony. Be sure the certificate is filled out entirely, including county, date of marriage, physical location of ceremony, the officiant signature, the officiant's title, and the signature of both parties.

Witnesses are not required in the State of Colorado. If you choose to have a witness, there are no restrictions on the age of your witnesses.

After the Marriage

Once the license has been returned to the Clerk and Recorder's office, it will be recorded by our office. The original license will be returned to you at the mailing address you gave on the application. If you haven't received your marriage license back from us within a month

after it has been recorded with our office, please call (303-679-2339) to inquire.

You may obtain a certified copy of the license immediately upon recording of the license. We give 2 free certified copies for Social Security and for DMV. If you would like additional certified copies, the cost for a certified copy of a marriage license is \$1.25 each.

You may also request certified copies of your license via the mail. Submit your request, along with payment, to: Clear Creek County Clerk and Recorder PO Box 2000 Georgetown, CO 80444.

To obtain certified copies of your marriage license/certificate or application, please use the following procedures:

To request via mail:

- Submit a written request to our office stating the following:
 - Full names of both parties
 - Date of ceremony
- Please provide a mailing address where we can return your copies
- Please include payment
 - Certified copies of the marriage license/certificate are \$1.25 each
- PLEASE NOTE: Generally, marriage applications are not available for public inspection. If you are not a party to the union and require access to this information, please call our office at (303-679-2339).
- Mail your request to: •Clear Creek County Clerk and Recorder PO Box 2000 Georgetown, CO 80444

To request via phone:

Please call 303-679-2339

- Please note: Payments made via credit card or electronic check over the phone are subject to a third-party administrative fee. Please contact our office for more details