

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Colorado Revised Statutes 14-2-105 through 14-2-110

Recording Division

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Applying for a Marriage License:

- You may apply for a marriage license in the office of the Clerk and Recorder during normal office hours.
- The fee for applying for a marriage license is \$30.00.
- The license is valid for 30 days from date of issuance. (C.R.S. 14-2-107)
- The license is only valid for use within the State of Colorado.

Age requirements:

- Requirements for the bride and groom are the same.
- No parental consent is required for individuals who are 18 years or older.
- Both parents, the parent having full decision making authority, guardian, or judicial approval is required if applicants are 16 or 17 years old.
- If applicant is younger than 16 years old, consent of parents/guardian AND judicial approval (Court Order) are required, without exception.

Blood Tests:

- As of July 1, 1989, blood tests are not required for either party in the state of Colorado.

Prohibited Marriages: (C.R.S. 14-2-110)

- A couple may not marry when one of the parties is still married to another person. Divorces must be final. You must provide date and location of divorce order.
- Marriage between ancestor and descendant is prohibited whether half or whole blood. (Marriage between cousins **IS** permitted).
- Same sex marriages are prohibited in Colorado. (C.R.S. 14-2-104)

Proof of Identity and Age:

In order to issue a Marriage License, we must have valid proof of age and proof of identity. The following forms of identification are acceptable for age. A photo ID from this list is acceptable for identification requirements. (Pursuant to C.R.S. 14-2-106 and 24-72.1-101)

- Out-of-state issued photo driver license or photo identification card.
- Any Colorado driver license, Colorado 7-day Affidavit and Notice of Revocation or Affidavit and Notice of Suspension, or Colorado identification card.
- Certified birth certificate (Federal, State, County, Dept. of Justice, Dept. of State and Bureau of Indian Affairs) Birth certificates issued by the hospital are NOT acceptable.
- US Passport expired less than 10 years
- Valid foreign passport with I-94 or valid Processed for I551 stamp; NO B1, B2, WT, WB, CP or NC status.
- I94 with refugee/asylee status
- Valid I551 Resident Alien/Permanent Resident card.
- Valid I688 (photo temporary resident card), I688B and I766 (photo employment authorization card)
- Valid US military ID (active duty, dependent, retired, reserve and National Guard)
- Original or certified copy of the DD214 (US military separation papers) from the Department of Defense or Veteran Affairs. Any DD214 with the disclaimer "Not to be used for identification" is not acceptable.
- Tribal Identification Card
- United States or United States Territory Certified court order of adoption, (must include date of birth)
- Certificate of Naturalization with intact photo

A Social Security Number is required or applicant may complete an affidavit regarding lack of Social Security Number.

Application Rules:

- Both bride and groom must complete and sign the marriage application form.
- At least one party must apply in person. If one party cannot appear in person, they must complete an affidavit from our office with a notarized signature.
- The couple will need to provide the date of the most recent divorce decree. They will also need to provide the name and location of the court that issued the decree.
- A couple wishing to renew their vows or those who have a common law marriage may obtain a license stating that they are married to each other.

Ceremony:

- Couples may solemnize their own marriage. (C.R.S. 14-2-109)
- Judges, retired judges, magistrates, public officials authorized to perform marriage ceremonies or in accordance with any mode of solemnization recognized by a religious denomination or Indian Tribe or Nation may solemnize a marriage. (Friends may not qualify)
- Clergy from out-of-state need not be registered in Colorado.
- Witnesses are not required, but some clergy, judges, or public officials may request them.

License:

- Marriage Certificate shall be completed and forwarded to the County Clerk and Recorder within 60 days of solemnizing.
- Failure to file certificate within 60 days will require payment of a late fee of \$20.00 up to a maximum of \$50.00 (C.R.S.14-2-109).

BEST WISHES!!