



Applicant		Joint Applicant	
		Current last name or single name	
		First and middle names	
<input type="checkbox"/> Never married <input type="checkbox"/> widowed <input type="checkbox"/> divorced Country of divorce		Marital status	<input type="checkbox"/> Never married <input type="checkbox"/> widowed <input type="checkbox"/> divorced Country of divorce
City of divorce if in Canada		If divorced	City of divorce if in Canada
Court file number			Court file number
		Religion/Spirituality (optional)	
Age	Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Age and date of birth	Age
Province (if outside Canada, state the country)		Place of birth	Province (if outside Canada, state the country)
Last name or single name		Parent's name and place of birth	Last name or single name
First and middle names		Parent's name and place of birth	First and middle names
Province (if outside Canada, state country)			Province (if outside Canada, state country)
Last name or single name		Parent's name and place of birth	Last name or single name
First and middle names			First and middle names
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First and middle names			First and middle names
Province (if outside Canada, state country)			Province (if outside Canada, state country)
Street name and number		Apt	Street name and number
City, town or reserve		Province/Country	City, town or reserve
Postal code		Telephone Number	Postal code
Street name and number		Apt	Street name and number
City, town or reserve		Province/Country	City, town or reserve
Postal code		Telephone Number	Postal code
Intended place of marriage (City, town, or reserve)		County or district	Intended date of marriage
I declare that the above information is correct. Signature of Applicant		I declare that the above information is correct. Signature of Joint Applicant	
Date (yyyy/mm/dd)		Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	

Personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of the *Marriage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 3 and will be used to determine whether to issue the marriage licence, to register and record the marriage, provide certified copies, extracts, certificates, search notices, photocopies and for statistical research, medical, law enforcement, adoption and adoption disclosure purposes. It is an offence to knowingly make a false statement on this form. Questions about this collection should be directed to: the Deputy Registrar General, Office of the Registrar General, 189 Red River Road, PO Box 4600, Thunder Bay ON P7B 6L8. Telephone: 1-800-461-2156 (outside Toronto but within North America) or 416-325-8305 (in Toronto or outside North America), 416-325-3408 (TTY/teletypewriter).

## Who may marry

Any person who is at least 18 years of age may marry. No person under 16 years of age may marry. Any person who is 16 or 17 years of age may marry with the written consent of their parents or legal guardians (not required for a widowed or divorced person). A special consent form is available for this purpose from your local Municipal Office. If any person whose consent is required is unavailable or refuses to consent, an application may be made to a judge to dispense with consent.

A person whose previous marriage has been dissolved or annulled will require:

- a) If the marriage was dissolved or annulled in Canada, the original or court-certified copy of the final decree, judgment or certificate of divorce dissolving or annulling the marriage; or
- b) If the marriage was dissolved or annulled outside of Canada, the authorization of the Minister of Government and Consumer Services. This requirement is explained in more detail below; or
- c) Where the earlier marriage of one of the parties was terminated by the presumed death of a spouse, a court order declaring the death of the spouse. An issuer of Marriage Licences can provide more information upon request.

## If you have been divorced outside of Canada – authorization requirements

An applicant whose former marriage was dissolved or annulled outside Canada must obtain authorization from the Minister of Government and Consumer Services before a marriage licence may be issued. To obtain this authorization, the applicants or a lawyer representing them, must submit the following to the Office of the Registrar General, PO Box 3000, 189 Red River Road, Thunder Bay ON P7B 5W0:

1. A completed marriage licence application form signed by both applicants.
2. An original, court certified copy or photocopy of the divorce decree or annulment (certified by the proper court officer in the jurisdiction the divorce/annulment was granted). If the decree is in a language other than English or French, include a translated copy together with an affidavit sworn by the translator.
3. A Statement of Sole Responsibility for each divorce signed by both applicants and a witness. Blank statements are available from the local issuer of Marriage Licences or online at [ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried](http://ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried).
4. A legal opinion of an Ontario lawyer, addressed to both applicants, stating that the divorce would be recognized as valid in the province of Ontario and giving reasons why it should be recognized in Ontario. Your lawyer may request copy of a sample legal opinion letter from the Office of the Registrar General by calling 807-343-7492 or toll free in Ontario at 1-800-461-2156.

## How to marry legally in Ontario

### 1. A Marriage Licence

A licence to marry may be obtained from the issuer of marriage licences at your local municipal clerk's office by completing a marriage licence application. The application must be signed by both applicants. Applications are available at [ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried](http://ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried).

The issuer may require proof of age of either party. All minors must submit proof of age.

There are no requirements for couples regarding residency, pre-marital blood tests or medical certificates.

A marriage licence is valid for use anywhere in Ontario and expires 3 months after the date of issue. There is a fee charged for a marriage licence.

Or

### 2. The publication of banns

A marriage may be solemnized under the authority of the publication of banns where both parties to the proposed marriage worship regularly at their own church in Canada. No one may be married under the authority of the publication of banns if there was a previous marriage (dissolved or annulled). Further information concerning marriage under the authority of the publication of banns may be obtained from a person who is registered under the *Marriage Act* to perform religious marriages in Ontario.

## Who can legally perform a marriage in Ontario?

A marriage ceremony in Ontario may be performed by:

- a) A person who is registered under the *Marriage Act* to perform religious marriages in Ontario.
- b) A person who is registered under the *Marriage Act* to perform marriages in Ontario according to the customs and traditions of a band, First Nation, Métis or Inuit organization or community or Indigenous entity.
- c) A judge, Ontario case management master, or justice of the peace.
- d) A municipal clerk and/or their delegate authorized to perform civil marriage ceremonies.

## Finding an Officiant

- Visit [ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried](http://ServiceOntario.ca/GettingMarried) for a list of marriage officiants registered to perform marriages in Ontario.
- Names of judges, Ontario case management masters, and justices of the peace available to perform civil marriage services may be available from local court offices and municipal offices.
- Contact your local municipal clerk's office to find out if they offer civil marriage services.