



Marriage - Getting Remarried in Ontario after a Divorce

REQUIREMENTS RESPECTING DIVORCES GRANTED OUTSIDE OF CANADA

If a divorce or annulment was granted outside of Canada the following procedures must be followed before a marriage licence can be granted by this office:

- 1. A completed Marriage Licence Application.**
- 2. A Statement of Sole Responsibility with details from the most recent divorce signed by both parties of this marriage.**
- 3. An original or court-certified copy (certified by the proper court officer in the jurisdiction the divorce or annulment was granted) of the divorce decree or annulment. If the decree is in a language other than English or French, include a translated copy together with an affidavit sworn by a certified translator.**
- 4. A legal opinion from an Ontario lawyer, addressed to both applicants to the marriage, giving reasons why the divorce or annulment should be recognized in the Province of Ontario. The Office of the Registrar General will fax a sample legal opinion letter to your lawyer if you call 807-343-7492 or toll-free at 1-800-461-2156.**

All of the above must be sent to: (it is recommended that you send your envelope Express Post – registered mail)

**The Office of the Registrar General
189 Red River Rd, P.O Box 4600
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6L8**

Please include:

- original or court-certified copy (certified by the proper court officer in the jurisdiction the divorce or annulment was granted) of the divorce decree or annulment.**
- the telephone number where the couple can be contacted.**
- translations (must be signed by the translator and indicate the certification) - your return address**

All original documents will be returned to you by the Office of the Registrar General with a marriage authorization (two pages), when all requirements have been met. The authorization will allow you to apply for a marriage licence.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning 1-800-461-2156, Office of the Registrar General.



MARRIAGE LICENCE APPLICATION
Marriage Act - Form 3

Marriage Licence No.

Main application form with sections for APPLICANT, JOINT APPLICANT, and signature blocks. Includes fields for name, marital status, birth information, and residence details.

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. Questions about this collection should be directed to:



CITY OF KITCHENER MARRIAGE LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

(Note: Requirements and/or fee are subject to change)

The application form must be completed and signed by both parties in order to obtain an Ontario Marriage Licence. The application must be submitted to the marriage licence issuer in the Legislated Services Division along with supporting identification/documents for both parties. The licence will be issued the same day *providing* everything is in order. Both parties are encouraged to attend in person; however, only one of the parties may attend *provided* they have the proper documents for the absent party.

Office Location	Kitchener City Hall, 200 King Street West, 2 nd Floor (Berlin Tower).
Hours	Licenses are issued Monday to Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays).
Licence Fee	\$151.00 – cash or debit card only.

TWO (2) pieces of GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION must be provided for EACH individual getting married. At least one (1) piece must include your photo. Expired or photocopied identification is not acceptable.

Examples of government issued identification include but are not limited to:

- **Government Issued Birth Certificate, including any change of name certificates**
- **Valid Passport**
- **Record of Immigrant Landing**
- **Canadian Citizenship Card**
- **Valid Driver's Licence**
- **Valid Ontario Photo Card**

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE AN ORIGINAL AND ALL IDENTIFICATION MUST BE VALID (NOT EXPIRED)
ONE OF THE TWO (2) DOCUMENTS PROVIDED MUST CONTAIN A CURRENT PHOTO & SIGNATURE.**

Please Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ID presented will be photocopied and attached to the application.• Documents in a language other than English or French must be translated by a certified translator.• It is not recommended to apply for your marriage licence on the day of your marriage ceremony.
Persons under the age of 18	Any person under the age of 18 years of age needs written consent from both parents. You must be at least 16 years of age to get married in Ontario. Contact Legislated Services for further details.
Canadian Divorce	If a previous marriage was dissolved or annulled within Canada, the original or Court-certified copy of the Decree Absolute or Certificate of Divorce must be submitted. A Decree Nisi, Divorce Order, or Divorce Judgement is <u>not</u> acceptable proof of divorce. Certified copies may be obtained from the Court who granted the divorce – photocopies are <u>not</u> acceptable.
Civil Annulment	If you have obtained a civil annulment as opposed to a divorce, the appropriate paperwork must be provided.
Foreign Divorce	If a divorce or annulment was granted outside of Canada, contact our office for additional requirements and forms.
Interpreters	If you do not read, write, or understand English, we will try to provide an interpreter for you. However, if one is not available, you must provide your own interpreter. S/he must swear or solemnly affirm an oath.
Expiry Date	A marriage Licence is valid for use anywhere in Ontario for a period of ninety (90) days from the date it is issued.
Publication of Banns	If you wish to have your banns published, please check with your clergy prior to purchasing a marriage licence. A marriage may be solemnized under the authority of the publication of banns.
Marriage Ceremony	It is your responsibility to arrange the marriage ceremony of your choice as The Legislated Services Division does not offer this service. Marriage services can be arranged with Ministerial Associates located Kitchener City Hall, telephone 519-743-3101.

Statement of Sole Responsibility

Under the provisions of Section 8 of the

Marriage Act

In the matter of an application for a licence under the *Marriage Act*

We, _____, of _____
(Applicant) (Name of city, town or village)

and, _____, of _____
(Joint Applicant) (Name of city, town or village)

understand and acknowledge that the issuance of a marriage licence under the provisions of Section 8 of the *Marriage Act* does not necessarily imply that the divorce/annulment granted

in _____ on _____
(Name of city, town or village and province or country) (date)

dissolving/annulling the marriage of _____
(Name of party to the marriage)

and _____ would be recognized as valid by the Courts of
(Name of party to the marriage)

the Province of Ontario.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Joint Applicant)

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