



FOREIGN DIVORCE REQUIREMENTS

The Marriage Act requires that where a former marriage was dissolved or annulled in a jurisdiction other than Canada, authorization must be obtained from the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations before a marriage licence can be issued.

To obtain the authorization, the following documents must be forwarded to the Office of the Registrar General:

1. The enclosed Marriage Licence Application fully completed and signed by both applicants.
2. An original decree of divorce or annulment certified by the proper court officer in the jurisdiction of the divorce/annulment was granted. If the decree is in a language other than English or French, a certified translation must be provided.
3. The enclosed Statement of Sole Responsibility for each foreign divorce and signed by both applicants.
4. A legal opinion of an Ontario lawyer, addressed to both applicants, giving reasons why the divorce or annulment should be recognized in the Province of Ontario. For more specific information regarding the contents of the opinion letter contact the Office of the Registrar General.

The above documents must be forwarded to:

Office of the Registrar General
P.O. Box 4600
189 Red River Road
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 6L8
Att: M.A.M.

After receiving authorization from the province, submit the document to any civic center office along with the Marriage Licence Application form, licence fee and all other applicable documents.

Enquiries regarding the authorization process should be directed to the Office of the Registrar General at any of the following numbers:

Toll Free within Ontario	1-800-461-2156
Toll Free within Toronto	416-325-8305



MARRIAGE LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

Couples wishing to be married in Ontario must complete an application form signed by both individuals getting married. The application with supporting documents listed below must be submitted in person by the applicant and/or joint applicant. **The Applicant and/or Joint Applicant is required to wait while the licence is being processed.**

Issued by: The Town of Markham, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Clerk's Office, 2nd level

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Licence Fee: **\$129.50 PAYABLE BY CASH (INTERAC MACHINE AVAILABLE)**

Identification: **FOR BOTH THE APPLICANTS:**
Two (2) pieces of Identification are required from each party applying for a marriage license (i.e. four pieces of identification are required for every application).

1st Piece of Identification

- a. Birth Certificate (*with any applicable Change of Name Certificate*)
- b. Current Passport
- c. Canadian Citizenship Card
- d. Record of Immigrant Landing

2nd Piece of Identification – Must Be Government Issued Photo ID

For Example : Photo Drivers License

All identification presented must be original (***photocopies are not acceptable***). Documents in a language other than English or French must be translated by a certified translator.

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 divorce judgment is not acceptable. Certified copies may be obtained from the Court which granted the divorce.

Foreign Divorce: If a divorce was granted outside of Canada, contact this office for additional requirements and forms (foreign divorce kit).

Interpreters: If you do not understand or read English, you must provide your own interpreter and he/she must provide identification.

Expiry Date: A marriage licence is valid for use anywhere in Ontario for a period of three **(3) months** from the date of issue.

Marriage Ceremony: It is your responsibility to arrange the marriage ceremony of your choice. Whether you want a simple civil ceremony, a large formal wedding or something in between, the Town of Markham can help you plan the perfect day, from marriage licence to reception and photography.

ENQUIRY: **905-475-4744**



Ministry of
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Office of the
Registrar General

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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)

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 referred to:

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