
OFFICIANT RESPONSIBILITIES :

The officiant performing the ceremony must complete the bottom portion of both copies of the marriage license. If each item is not complete the license will be returned to the officiant to complete. This will cause a delay for the couple wishing to obtain certified copies.

The officiant should carefully complete the license before returning it to the Registry. Below is a checklist of necessary items:

- Couple must have license issued by the Register of Deeds and is not over 60 days old.
- Complete the date and place of the ceremony.
- Witnesses must sign and print their name and address.
- Officiant must sign and print their name. Must also include address and title.
- Make certain the couple has signed both copies of license.
- Return both copies of license to Registry within 10 days of ceremony.
- Make certain check is included if requesting copies.



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Marriage licenses issued in North Carolina may be used in any county in North Carolina. Original licenses must be returned to the county of issuance.

Premarital physicals are not required.

Applicants may type and submit their marriage application online at <http://wakegov.com/rod>. However, both bride and groom must appear in person to complete the application process.

Fee for license is \$60. Only cash is accepted.

License is good immediately upon issuance and is valid for 60 days.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Both applicants must provide verification of their social security number. Forms of verification include social security card, W-2 form or a pay stub.

Applicants not eligible for a social security number may complete an affidavit attesting to this fact.

IDENTIFICATION

Applicants 21 years of age or older may use:

- Valid Driver's License
- Valid State issued ID card
- Valid passport
- Valid Military ID
- Certified copy of birth certificate.

Applicants 20 years of age or younger must have a certified copy of their birth certificate.

Applicants 16 or 17 years of age must have parental consent.

Applicants 14 or 15 years of age must present a certified court order authorizing the marriage from a District Court Judge.

Applicants may purchase their license between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Mon. – Fri. excluding holidays.

Divorced applicants must provide the month and year of their divorce. Divorced applicants must provide a certified copy of the decree if the divorce was finalized within 30 days of applying for the license.

Marriages may be performed by an ordained minister of any religious denomination, a minister authorized by a church, a magistrate or a federal or state recognized Indian nation or tribe.

Civil ceremonies are performed by a magistrate at the Wake County Courthouse for a \$20 fee. Two witnesses are required. Hours are Mon. – Fri. between the hours of 10:00am and 11:30am and 3:00pm and 4:30pm.

Certified copies of a marriage license are available for a \$10 fee each. Copies may be obtained through the mail or in person.
