

APPLYING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE:

- Both parties must personally appear in the Ouray County Clerk's Office to complete an application for a Marriage License. If one party is unavailable, an absentee affidavit must be completed and notarized (including a copy of their ID).
- For Proxy Marriages, please see CRS 14-2-109 — applicable to U.S. Military and government contractors only.
- The fee is \$30.00 (cash or check).
- The Marriage License is valid for 35 days and may be used immediately upon issuance.
- The License is only valid within the State of Colorado.

COMPLETED LICENSE PROCESS:

- Return the completed Marriage License and Certificate (by mail or in person) to the Ouray County Clerk's Office for recording within 63 days of the marriage.
- Failure to file within 63 days will require a late fee of up to \$50.00.
- Once recorded, the original Marriage License and Certificate will be returned to you.
- If unused, you still must return the uncompleted Marriage License and Certificate to the Ouray County Clerk's Office.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

The age requirements for both parties are the same.

- Applicants' 18 and older: No parental consent is required.
- 16 - 17: Consent of both parents, the parent having full decision making authority, guardian, OR judicial approval required.
- Younger than 16: Consent of parents / guardian AND judicial approval (i.e., court order) are required.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION:

Applicants will need to provide the following information:

- Full name and address.
- Last name at birth.
- Social security number.
- City & State of birth.
- Father / Mother / Legal Guardian name(s).
- City & State where Father / Mother / Guardian live (or indicate deceased).
- If divorced, you will need to provide the date, type of court, and city and state where the divorce took place.
- If widowed, you will need to provide the date of death.

CEREMONY:

- Couples may solemnize their own marriage in Colorado (C.R.S. 14-2-109).
- Civil marriages can be solemnized by judges, retired judges, magistrates and public officials authorized to perform marriage ceremonies.
- Religious marriages can be performed in accordance with any mode of solemnization recognized by a religious denomination or Native American tribe.
- Clergy from out-of-state need not be registered in Colorado.
- Witnesses are not required in Colorado, but some clergy, judges, or public officials may request them.

PROOF OF IDENTITY AND AGE:

In order to issue a Marriage License, you must provide valid proof of age and proof of identity. The following forms of identification and a photo ID are acceptable.

(Pursuant to C.R.S. 14-2-106 and 24-72.1-101)

- A valid Colorado driver's license.
- A valid out-of-state photo driver's license or photo ID card.
- U.S. Passport.
- Valid foreign passport WITH I-94 or valid processed for I-551 stamp.
- I-94 with refugee / asylee status.
- Valid I-551 Resident Alien / Permanent Resident card.
- Valid I-688 (photo temp resident card), I-688B and I-766 (photo employment authorization card).
- Valid U.S. Military ID.
- Tribal Identification Card.
- Certificate of Naturalization (with intact photo).

The following forms of identification are NOT acceptable:

- Certified birth certificate (proof of date of birth may be obtained from a certified birth certificate when it is presented along with a valid picture ID).
- Baptismal certificate.
- Mexican Consular ID ("Matricula Consular").

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A couple wishing to renew their vows or who has a common law marriage may obtain a License confirming the marriage.

PROHIBITED:

- A couple may not marry when one of the parties is still married to another person.
- Marriage between ancestor and descendant is prohibited regardless of whether by half or whole blood. Marriage between cousins is permitted.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

If you have a social security number, you are required to provide it. If either party doesn't have a social security number (they are from another country or they are in the process of obtaining U.S. citizenship) he/she is not required to have one, but must complete an affidavit regarding lack of social security number.



CERTIFIED COPIES:

Certified copies of the Marriage License and Certificate should be purchased if either party plans to change or hyphenate his/her last name.

- Certified copies cost \$1.25 each and can be pre-paid for when applying for the Marriage License.

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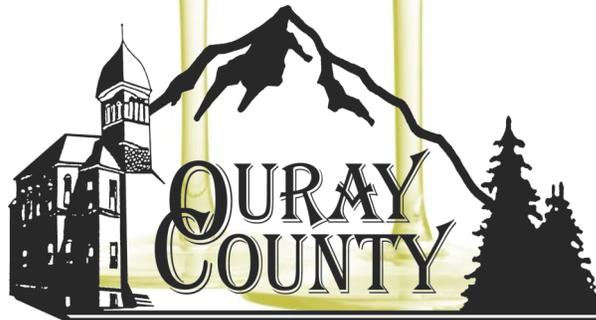
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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(MONDAY - THURSDAY, EXCEPT OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS)

Congratulations!



Marriage License Information



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