

Marriage Information

\$65.00 marriage license fee must be paid in CASH at time of application. A fee of \$5 must be paid for a certified copy of the marriage license at the same time. This will ensure that a certified copy will be mailed back to you once the license is received back in the office.

For the Recorders Office to officiate the marriage the cost is \$30.

Applications are accepted 8:00am to 4:30pm weekdays.

[North Dakota Century Code Chapter 14-03](#) defines the marriage contract and defines the laws regarding the issuance of marriage licenses in the State of North Dakota.

To apply for a marriage license you **must**:

- Be at least 18 years of age (N.D.C.C.14-03-17.1.a)
 - If between the age of 16 and 18, you must have signed parental consent
 - Parents must accompany the applicant and have proof of identity
 - No one under the age of 16 will be issued a marriage license
- Have documentary evidence of age:
 - such as driver's license, passport
- If either or both parties have been divorced, must have CERTIFIED copy of divorce decree (obtained from Clerk of Court in county where divorce was granted)
 - Certified copy of divorce decree is kept with application.
- Provide Social Security number on application
- Provide any surname or middle name changes at time of marriage
 - Applicants may change their surname at time of marriage to:
 - Surname of other spouse
 - Former surname of either spouse
 - A name combining into a single surname all or a segment of the pre-marriage surname or former surname of either spouse
 - A combination name with or without a hyphen, provided that each part of the combination surname is the pre-marriage surname or former surname of either spouse
 - Middle name may also be changed at time of marriage
 - New middle name must consist of pre-marriage surname or former surname of that individual
 - New middle name can be added to current middle name

Certified copies of marriage licenses may be purchased for \$5.00 each. We will need the money upfront before we mail out the certified copy. Payment will need to be cash or check. Sorry we do not accept credit cards.