

Marriage Licence Information 2008

Requirements:

- Marriages performed in Alberta are valid throughout the world.
- Blood tests and waiting periods are not required for marriage in Alberta.
- Two witnesses of at least 18 years of age are required for the ceremony. It is not necessary that the witnesses have prior knowledge of the couple being married.
- Both the bride and groom must be at least 18 years of age, or possess the necessary written consent.
- Marriage ceremonies may be performed with the aid of an interpreter if the bride or groom do not understand English

Alberta Marriage License

Prior to being married, couples must obtain an Alberta Marriage License from a Registry Office in the province of Alberta. It is valid for 3 months from the date of issue.

To obtain the licence, both the bride and groom must present themselves and submit the following documents:

- Proof of identification (eg. driver's licence, passport, birth certificate)
- Full name of father, and birthplace of father
- Maiden and full name of mother, and birthplace of mother
- If widowed; Death Certificate of former spouse
- If divorced; Decree Absolute

The Marriage Licence is given to the person conducting the marriage ceremony, and is not returned.

A Marriage Statement (certificate) is provided at completion of the wedding ceremony, but this is not a registered document. To obtain the official registered Certificate of Marriage, it is necessary to apply to the Alberta Vital Statistics Registry.

The appropriate form can also be obtained at any registry office (with the Marriage License). Marriage Licence and applications for the Official Certificate may be purchased.

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