

General License Information

* **Marriage License Requirements:** Requirements for U.S. citizens and non U.S. citizens are the same.

It is suggested that non U.S. citizens check with your local officials for special documents that may be needed to ensure your marriage will be recognized in your country.

Applicants must be a Male and a Female, at least 18 years of age, and not nearer of kin than second cousins or cousins of half blood, and not having a husband or wife living. Applicants will be required to prove their age. Those not having acceptable identification to prove age may be refused a marriage license. (Faxed copies, damaged identification, privately issued I.D., check casing cards or photocopies of identification are unacceptable.) Social Security Numbers are required on the Affidavit of Application for a Marriage License. Please know your Social Security Number. Those without knowledge of their Social Security Number may be refused a marriage license. It is recognized that non U.S. citizens will not have a Social Security Number.

Identification: The following may be used for identification:

- Driver's License or State-issued I.D. card
- Passport
- Resident alien card
- Original or Certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Foreign Birth Certificate must be translated into English and notarized.

Blood test: There is no blood test and no waiting period after a license is issued.

Marriage Ceremonies: In order to have a legal marriage, a ceremony must be performed in the State of Nevada within one year from the date of issuance of the marriage license by any person licensed or authorized to perform ceremonies in Nevada. These marriages are recognized throughout the world.

Divorced Applicants: An applicant that has previously been married, is required to know the Month/Day/Year/City and State of their divorce. The divorce must be final and filed with the courts in the state or country granted. You are not required to bring the divorce decree.

Widowed Applicants: An applicant who has previously been married and their spouse has passed away, are required to know the Month/Day/Year, City and State of the death.

Minor applicants, ages 16 or 17 (not yet age 18): You must have consent of a parent or legal guardian. Minors will need an original or certified copy of the birth certificate which lists the name of the consenting parent. (No photocopies of documents may be accepted.) Legal guardians are required to present a certified copy of the court ordered guardianship papers. (No photocopies may be accepted.) A parent or guardian is required to have acceptable identification to prove they are the parent on the birth certificate or the legal guardian on the guardianship order.

If it is not possible for the parent or guardian to be present, an original, notarized statement in English must be presented with the certified copy of the birth certificate or a certified copy of the guardianship order at the time of the issuance of the marriage license. The notarized statement should contain the parent or legal guardian's full name, relationship to the minor, minor's full name, birth date and the statement that the parent or legal guardian gives consent for the minor to marry. All documents must be in English or translated into English by a notary.

A person less than 16 years of age may marry only if either parent or legal guardian files an action, pays all court fees as provided by law, and presents a court order, from a Nevada State Court, authorizing the Clerk to issue the marriage license. Applicants should contact an attorney to prepare the documents. This office has no forms.

License Fees: The fee for a marriage license is \$55.00 cash. Correct change is appreciated.

Copies of the Marriage License Application: Copies of the application may be obtained by writing: Humboldt County Clerk, 50 W. 5th St., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445. The cost of the copy is \$1.00. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Certified copies of the Marriage Certificate: To obtain a certified copy of your Marriage Certificate, please contact the Humboldt County Recorder at: 25 W. 4th St., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445 or by calling 775/623-6412. The fee for a certified copy is \$10.00.

Apostilles: Some countries may require a certified copy of your marriage certificate and an Apostille from the Nevada Secretary of State to finalize the marriage in your country. An Apostille may be obtained by contacting the Nevada Secretary of State by mail at: Secretary of State, 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Telephone: 775/684-5708. You may also visit their web site at www.sos.state.nv.us.