

Marriage Licence Requirements

Description: Anyone wishing to be married in the Bahamas must first request a license from the Registry.

The legal age of marriage in the Bahamas is eighteen (18).

A marriage license is valid for three months.

Prerequisite: Non-Bahamians:

- must prove that they have been in the Bahamas at least 24 hours.
- They are required to present their Immigration cards as proof of entry.
- Picture identification may take the form of a driver's license accompanied with a birth certificate or a passport.
- If divorced, Certified copies of final divorce decrees
- If widowed, death certificates
- Applicants are required to submit an affidavit of marital status. The affidavit must be sworn in the Bahamas. United Kingdom and Canada applicants may bring affidavits from their countries.

- Attachments:**
- Widowers and divorcees see instructions below.
 - All persons must have proof of identification

- Instructions:**
1. Both individuals must be present and complete the application form
 2. Provide proof of identity along with necessary documents
 3. Interview:
 - A **Bahamian marrying another Bahamian** is not required to be interviewed and the person performing the ceremony can sign the declaration.
 - A **Bahamian marrying a non-Bahamian** must be interviewed by the Registrar General. The Registrar has to sign the declaration in this instance.
 - Non-Bahamian** applicants are interviewed by either the Registrars or any of the five designated Marriage Officers. Once approved, a license is issued with the applicable payment.
 4. If either person is **under the age of 18** they require a [Certificate of consent to Marriage By A Minor](#) (Section 19. Chapter 88.)
 5. **Divorcees.** Certified copies of final divorce decrees and certified copies of death certificates must be attached to the application if necessary.
 6. **Widower.** Certified copy of the [death certificate](#) of the deceased spouse.
 7. Bahamians **over the age of 40**, who do not present a certified copy of a divorce decree or death certificate of a spouse, must wait for a search to be

conducted of the records of marriage to ensure that they have not been married before. The search may take up to two week.

8. A license is valid for three (3) months from the issued date.

Fee: \$100.00

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