

Marriage License Requirements

(Marriage License Application form)

If you are planning to marry in North Carolina you must obtain a marriage license from the Register of Deeds office. The marriage license may be used immediately after it has been issued. You may marry in any county in the state of North Carolina, but the marriage license must be returned to the county of issuance within 10 days after the ceremony. The cost of the marriage license is \$60.00 and is valid for 60 days. Marriage licenses are issued between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Our office only accepts cash for marriage licenses. A premarital physical is not required.

Both bride and groom must provide proper picture ID and social security numbers. Applicants may present a Social Security card, W-2 form or pay stub with the number as verification.

If an applicant is not eligible for a Social Security number, affidavits are available in the Register of Deeds office attesting this fact.

Divorced applicants must provide the month, year, county & state of their last divorce. If divorced within the last year, a certified copy of your divorce judgment is required.

Both the bride and groom must appear to apply for the marriage license.

Identification requirements for applicants over the age of 21.

- Drivers license
- State-issued I. D. card
- Passport
- Military I. D.

All of the above I. D. must be valid.

Applicants under the age of 17.*

- Picture I. D.
- Certified copy of birth certificate
- Social Security card

*Applicants who are 16-17 years of age must have consent from a parent with full custody or joint custody, an agency, individual or institution that has legal custody or serving as legal guardian of the applicant. If necessary, legal documentation of custody will be required.

Applicants who are 14 and 15 years of age must present a certified copy of a court order issued by a judge authorizing the marriage.

Prior to coming into the office to obtain your marriage license fill out the worksheet application form and bring it with you. This process will speed up the issuance of the license.

If the marriage license is not used it must be returned to our office. There will be no refund for returned licenses.

The Scotland County Magistrate's Office is located at the Scotland County Courthouse, 212 Biggs St. Laurinburg, N. C. 28352, if you should choose a civil ceremony. There is no need for an appointment. The marriage fee is \$20.00. You will need to bring two witnesses. The Scotland County Magistrate's office is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. If you should have any questions, you may call the Scotland County Magistrate's office at 910-277-3280.

For more information regarding marriage licenses you may call the Register of Deeds office at 910-277-2575 and we will be happy to assist you.

SCOTLAND COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

PLACE OF MARRIAGE: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON PERFORMING THE CEREMONY:

TITLE : _____ (REV., CHAPLIN, JUDGE, MAGISTRATE, ETC.)

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF BRIDE, GROOM, OR PARENT OF EITHER, THAT WE CAN CALL IF NECESSARY: _____

(Name of person whose phone number is listed above) _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
