

Marriage Information for the Province of Saskatchewan

(Updated – September 2022)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON OBTAINING A SASKATCHEWAN MARRIAGE LICENCE

1. ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED IN SASKATCHEWAN?

It is mandatory for couples wishing to marry in the Province of Saskatchewan to purchase a Saskatchewan Marriage Licence. Only licences purchased in Saskatchewan are valid. The licence must be purchased at least 24 hours in advance of the marriage ceremony.

If you are getting married outside of Saskatchewan, you must contact the particular province/state/ or country's consulate or embassy directly to check on the marriage requirements in that particular area. *(Example: Couples wishing to marry in the Province of Alberta should contact the Alberta government to check the requirements for marriage there.)*

2. ARE YOU BOTH OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS?

The age of majority in Saskatchewan is eighteen years.

If 16 or 17 years of age, a Saskatchewan "Consent to Marriage of a Minor" form **MUST** be completed by the parent(s) or guardian(s). They must sign the consent form in the presence of a Saskatchewan marriage licence issuer, clergy or any person authorized to take affidavits. (This form can be obtained from a Saskatchewan marriage license issuer or the Marriage Unit.) If the parent(s) or guardian(s) refuse to consent to the marriage, the minor can apply to a judge of either the provincial or King's Bench court for an order dispensing with their consent. The minor may obtain the judge's order by applying to a court house in Saskatchewan.

Under the federal Civil Marriage Act, S.C. 2005, no one under the age of 16 can get married.

3. HAVE EITHER ONE OF YOU BEEN MARRIED BEFORE?

If one or both parties have been divorced, they must present the **original or a court certified** copy of their "Decree Absolute" of divorce or the original court certified copy of the "Certificate of Divorce" to the Marriage Licence Issuer. Without the correct document you will not be issued a Marriage Licence. *(The preliminary documents known as the Judgement, Order or Decree Nisi are not acceptable.)*

- The correct divorce documents can be **obtained from the court in the province or state** in which the marriage was dissolved.
- All divorce documents **must be translated into English by an independent translator**. The translator must include his or her name, complete address and telephone number.

Note: Faxed copies of the original divorce papers are now being accepted BUT ONLY if they are faxed **directly from the court**, (where the divorce was granted), **to the Marriage Licence Issuer**.

- **If widowed**, you must know the exact date and place of death of your former spouse, otherwise, you must provide a death certificate.

***Note – Church Annulment papers are not acceptable as proof of divorce**

Only accept the **original or a court certified** copy of their final divorce papers!

4. WHERE DO I PURCHASE A MARRIAGE LICENCE?

Marriage licences can be purchased from a variety of locations <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/marriages/get-a-marriage-licence#where-to-purchase-a-marriage-licence>

5. HOW DO I PURCHASE A MARRIAGE LICENCE?

Both parties to the marriage must appear together, at least one day (24 hours) prior to the marriage to purchase the licence. The marriage licence is valid the day after it is issued, and once the licence becomes valid, it remains valid for three months (90 days).

In the event that one of the parties to the marriage is unable to attend upon the issuer due to incarceration, hospitalization or other extenuating circumstance, the party unable to attend must provide a sworn declaration called a 'Declaration of Non Attendance Before an Issuer'. This form may be obtained from a licence issuer or by contacting the Marriage Unit.

- The cost of the marriage licence is \$60.00.
- If you or your prospective spouse are unable to understand or speak English, an independent interpreter must be provided by yourselves and be present when you obtain the marriage licence from the marriage licence issuer.

Identification

- The Marriage Licence Issuer is required to obtain **2 pieces of government issued identification** that prove the identity of the individual. Of the 2 pieces of government issued identification, at least one **must** be photo identification.
- Examples of acceptable identification include a Birth Certificate, Passport, driver's licence, Citizenship or Permanent Resident Card and Treaty Card.
- If you are a **Resident Outside of Canada**, present your passport to the marriage licence issuer along with another form of acceptable identification.
- If you have any questions regarding appropriate identification please do not hesitate to call the Marriage Unit at (306) 787-3869.

Marriages may be solemnized in Saskatchewan by:

Religious Ceremonies

Religious ceremonies are performed by clergy who are licenced/registered with the Province of Saskatchewan to perform wedding ceremonies.

Civil Ceremonies

Civil ceremonies are performed by marriage commissioners, who have been appointed by the member of the Executive Council, to whom, the Act is assigned. Marriage commissioners must be Saskatchewan residents.

For a complete listing of marriage commissioners and licence issuers in your area please check the Government of Saskatchewan web-site at www.saskatchewan.ca or contact (306) 787-3869.

Marriage Certificates

Two to three weeks after the wedding ceremony, couples may order their 'official' marriage certificate from eHealth. Please contact **Health Registries (eHealth Saskatchewan)** directly at toll free 1-800-667-7551.

If you require further information, contact the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, Marriage Unit, Room 323, 3085 Albert Street, REGINA SK S4S 0B1 or by phone at (306) 787-3869.

CIVIL MARRIAGE IN SASKATCHEWAN

This confirms that an appointment has been made for

_____ and _____

To be married at _____ on _____
(time) (date)

At _____
(place)

And such appointment has been made and reserved with officiating marriage commissioner:

Mr Ketankumar Patel
Marriage Commissioner #18248
Mail to: 5421 Mckenna Cresent,
Regina, Saskatchewan S4W 0G2
306-536-8008
info@patelketan.ca

In order that the required documents are prepared for signature at the time of the marriage, please **complete fully** all items on the attached form and return the form immediately to the officiating marriage commissioner at the address shown above.

Important Notes

1. It is required by law that all marriages shall be contracted in the presence of two or more responsible witnesses who are eighteen years of age or over. These witnesses are in addition to the marriage commissioner performing the marriage ceremony and are provided by the parties wishing to be married.
2. Prior to the marriage ceremony, the following documents must be presented to the marriage commissioner:
A Saskatchewan Marriage License which has been issued within three months prior to the marriage, together with the following attachments if applicable.
 - (a) If either party to the marriage is under 18 years of age, a "Consent to Marriage of a Minor" form must be completed and signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian of the minor;
 - (b) If either party to the marriage is under 16 years of age, a statement from a judge of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court permitting the marriage. This statement is in addition to the "Consent to Marriage of a Minor" form mentioned in 2(a).
 - (c) You will need to complete the MA-1 Form and submit it to me electronically. I use this information to create your Marriage Registration so everything on your MA-1 Form must be accurate with correct spellings and all applicable boxes filled in. (Note: If for some reason your witnesses' information changes between now and the day of your wedding, it is very important that you contact me regarding this change so I can adjust your documents in preparation for signing during your ceremony.)
3. No marriage commissioner shall solemnize a marriage if there is reason to believe that the judgment of either party to the marriage is impaired by the use of alcohol or drugs.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE FORM**

The following information is required to prepare the registration which must be signed by the bride and groom at the time of the marriage ceremony.

Please complete all items in full and return the completed form immediately to the officiating marriage commissioner.

MARRIAGE LICENCE NUMBER _____

SPOUSE CONJOINT(E)	SPOUSE CONJOINT(E)
4. Surname (prior to this marriage) / Nom de famille(avant de mariage)	4. Surname (prior to this marriage) / Nom de famille(avant de mariage)
Given Name(s) / Prénom(s)	Given Name(s) / Prénom(s)
5. Marital Status/Situation de famille Never Married Widowed Divorced Célibataire Veuf/Veuve Divorcé(e)	5. Marital Status/Situation de famille Never Married Widowed Divorced Célibataire Veuf/Veuve Divorcé(e)
6. Religious Denomination/Confession	6. Religious Denomination/Confession
7. Date of Birth/Date de naissance Sex/Sexe Month/Mois Day/Jour Year/Année	7. Date of Birth/Date de naissance Sex/Sexe Month/Mois Day/Jour Year/Année
8. Place of Birth -City, town or other place, province (or country) Lieu de naissance - Ville ou autre endroit, province (ou pays)	8. Place of Birth -City, town or other place, province (or country) Lieu de naissance - Ville ou autre endroit, province (ou pays)
9. If registered under The Indian Act: (optional) Si vous êtes enregistré(e) selon la Loi sur les Indiens: (facultatif) Name of Band/Nom de la bande _____ Registry Number/Numéro d'enregistrement _____	9. If registered under The Indian Act: (optional) Si vous êtes enregistré(e) selon la Loi sur les Indiens: (facultatif) Name of Band/Nom de la bande _____ Registry Number/Numéro d'enregistrement _____
10. Residence - Complete <u>Mailing</u> Address Résidence habituelle - adresse complète _____ City, town, or other place Province(or country) Postal Code Ville ou autre endroit Province (ou pays) Code Postal	10. Residence - Complete address Résidence habituelle - adresse complète _____ City, town, or other place Province(or country) Postal Code Ville ou autre endroit Province (ou pays) Code Postal
11. Surname of Father Given Name(s) Nom de famille du père Prénom(s)	11. Surname of Father Given Name(s) Nom de famille du père Prénom(s)
12. Place of Birth of Father- City, town or place, province (or country) Lieu de naissance du père - Ville ou autre endroit, province (ou pays)	12. Place of Birth of Father- City, town or place, province (or country) Lieu de naissance du père - Ville ou autre endroit, province (ou pays)
13. <u>Maiden surname</u> of Mother Given Name(s) Nom de jeune fille de la mère Prénom(s)	13. <u>Maiden surname</u> of Mother Given Name(s) Nom de jeune fille de la mère Prénom(s)
14. Place of Birth of Mother - City, town or place, province (or country) Lieu de naissance de la mère - Ville ou autre endroit, province (ou pays)	14. Place of Birth of Mother - City, town or place, province (or country) Lieu de naissance de la mère - Ville ou autre endroit, province (ou pays)

Name & Address of Two (2) Witnesses (18 Years of Age and Over)

1. _____ (Name, Printed) _____ (Address)

2. _____ (Name, Printed) _____ (Address)