

Oklahoma Marriage Officiant Guide

Marriage Officiants: Ordained ministers of the gospel of any denomination who are at least 18 years of age, including non-residents, may perform marriage ceremonies anywhere in Oklahoma. Following the ceremony, the Officiant must complete the certificate of marriage and return it to the court clerk or judge that issued the marriage license.

Registration: Marriage Officiants are *no longer* required to file a copy of their ordination credentials with the court clerk prior to performing a ceremony in Oklahoma. You must, however, submit a copy of your credentials to any legal authority upon their request.

Oklahoma-Based Native American Nations: If the marriage ceremony is taking place within sovereign Oklahoma-based tribal land, including the Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), Chickasaw, Citizen Potawatomi, Seminole and Comanche nations, please contact the respective tribal headquarters for information regarding local licensing and registration requirements.

MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Much of the information below is state law in Oklahoma; however, this information can vary by location, and is subject to change. We recommend contacting your local court clerk's office before applying for your marriage license. See note above regarding Oklahoma-based Native American Nations.

Application Requirement: Both parties to a marriage must appear in person to obtain their marriage license. (The Officiant is not a party to this process.)

ID Requirement: Driver's license or certified birth certificate or passport, and the Social Security numbers of both parties to the marriage must be presented.

Residency Requirement: Parties to the marriage do not have to be residents of Oklahoma to obtain a marriage license in the state.

If Previously Married: Bring certified copy of divorce decree or a copy of deceased spouse's death certificate.

Proxy Marriages: Not permitted. Both parties must be present at the ceremony.

Fees: \$50 license fee (discounted if premarital counseling is completed). The reduced fee shall apply upon presentation to the Court Clerk of an original certificate of successful completion of a premarital counseling program. The premarital counseling program must be conducted in accordance with Oklahoma Statute 43 O.S. 5.1. The certificate must be an original document, not a copy, and shall state that the named persons have successfully completed the premarital counseling requirements. COPIES, FAXES OR EMAILED COUNSELING CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



Waiting Period: No waiting period required unless either party to the marriage is under 18 years of age. The marriage license can be used (solemnized) immediately after being issued by the clerk.

Under 18: Parents must appear at the courthouse with the couple to sign a consent form. Minors must wait three days before the marriage license is valid.

Blood Tests: Oklahoma law does not require a premarital blood test.

Common Law Marriage: Not permitted.

Cousin Marriage: Not permitted.

Same-Gender Marriage: Permitted in Oklahoma. (Not permitted in Cherokee Nation.)

Valid: An Oklahoma marriage license must be solemnized within 30 days of its date of issue. The marriage license can only be used (solemnized) within the State of Oklahoma.

For additional information, please visit

FirstNationMinistry.org/us/oklahoma

The above information is believed to be current and correct, but does not purport to be legal advice, is not all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. Under the terms specified in your ordination, you are solely responsible for becoming familiar with and complying to all current laws and regulations in effect within the jurisdiction in which you will conduct ceremonies.