

Bahamas Marriage Requirements

- 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.
- Certified copies of final divorce decrees or death certificates if applicable; must be submitted with the application for a marriage license.

Marriage License

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. After a marriage has taken place, a Marriage Duplicate Register (Form No. 9) is sent to the Registry by the Marriage Officer as quickly as possible. From this document certified copies of marriage certificates are issued.

Persons under the age of 18

Persons under the age of 18 along with their parents or guardians, need to complete a consent form and will be interviewed by the Registrar.

Application for Marriage License

Bahamians making application for a license must present valid government issued picture identification (passport or voter's card). The application contains information for both applicants and must be signed by the marriage officer who is to perform the marriage.

Divorcees/Widows/Widowers

Certified copies of final divorce decrees and certified copies of death certificates must be attached to the application if necessary.

Non-Bahamians

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.

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.



COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Application for a Marriage Licence

(Form prescribed by the Registrar General under section 19 of The Marriage Act Ch. 106)

NAME OF APPLICANT IN FULL _____
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Condition _____
(Bachelor, Widower, or Divorce)

Occupation or Calling _____

Date of Birth _____ Age Last Birthday _____

Place of Birth _____

How long resident in The Bahamas _____

Address in The Bahamas _____

Address Abroad _____
(if not ordinarily resident in The Bahamas)

Name of Father _____

**NAME OF PERSON TO WHOM
TO BE MARRIED IN FULL** _____
(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Condition _____
(Bachelor, Widower, or Divorce)

Occupation or Calling _____

Date of Birth _____ Age Last Birthday _____

Place of Birth _____

How long resident in The Bahamas _____

Address in The Bahamas _____

Address Abroad _____
(if not ordinarily resident in The Bahamas)

Name of Father _____

We _____ and _____
*(Insert Name of Applicant in full)

hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that a Marriage has been agreed upon between us and that the foregoing particulars are in every respect true, and that we believe there is no impediment of blood relationship or other lawful hindrance to such Marriage, and we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

Signature

Signature

Declared before me this _____ day

of _____ 20 ____

Name _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Signature _____

Title _____

Address _____

- Note:
1. The declaration should be made before any Marriage Officer, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or other person legally authorized to administer oaths.
 2. If either of the parties herein described is under 18 years, a Certificate of the Consent of the Parents or Guardian in the prescribed form must be attached hereto.
 3. If either of the parties has been divorced, a certified or authenticated copy of the final decree must be produced.