



WEDDINGS + CORPORATE EVENTS

OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

General Information:

Licenses are issued in the Marriage License Section, Suite 175, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97214-3577. Hours are 8:00 am to 4:45 pm, Monday through Friday. Telephone: (503) 988-3027. You do not have to be an Oregon resident to obtain a marriage license. Oregon Law prohibits the issuance of a marriage license to anyone under 17 years of age.

Completing the Application:

Both bride and groom must complete and sign an application to obtain the marriage license. However, anyone can pick up and return the application. The application must be typed or printed in **BLACK INK**. Blue does not microfilm. All information requested on the form must be provided or the application will be rejected. **SIGN THE APPLICATION**. A completed application must be returned to the County Office **BEFORE THE WEDDING** in person with \$60.00 cash or certified funds. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS. NO REFUNDS.**

Consent for Applicants 17 Years of Age:

Applicants who are 17 years old must obtain the written consent of their parent or guardian. If either applicant has no parent or guardian resident within the State of Oregon and has resided within Multnomah County for six months, an Affidavit stating these facts must be obtained from a third party. Obtain application from the Marriage License Section.

The Three-Day Waiting Period:

Oregon law require a three day waiting period before a marriage can take place after a license has been received. However, this waiting period may be waived by the Deputy County Clerk in Multnomah County. The waiver must be signed before the marriage license is issued.

After the Marriage License is Issued:

REMEMBER, the license is not effective until three days after it is issued. It remains valid for 60 days after the effective date. The license can be used anywhere in the State of Oregon. Your marriage can be officiated by:

A religious leader who is authorized by a religious organization whose authority is recorded in a county in Oregon. A judge. A list of judges who perform marriage ceremonies is available from the Marriage License Unit.

Two persons age 18 or older are required to witness the solemnization of the marriage.

Following the marriage ceremony, the completed License and Record of Marriage must be returned to the Multnomah County Marriage License Section within ten (10) days of your marriage. The officiating religious leader, judge, or County Clerk is responsible for returning the License and Record of Marriage. There will be no record of the marriage until the completed License and Record of Marriage has been returned to the Marriage License Unit.