

Marriage License Requirements

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Required documentation

To get married in Nova Scotia a couple must have a marriage license. One or both members of the couple must apply for a license in person. The ID required (with **no** exception) for both people includes one of the following:

- a valid photo driver's license
- a birth certificate
- a passport
- a baptismal certificate or
- a Canadian citizenship card

As well as one of the above, a piece of signed ID such as a Health Card or Drivers License must be presented. Once the proper identification and documentation (if divorced or widowed) has been supplied, a sworn affidavit is completed.

Proof of divorce

If one or both of the couple were **divorced**, proof of divorce must be provided. Acceptable proof is an original copy of the **Divorce Certificate** or the **Decree Absolute** [A Decree Absolute is a document issued by the court stating that the marriage is dissolved.] **Please note** - a Decree Nisi or Divorce Judgement will not be accepted.

Death of a spouse

If one of the marriage partners has died, proof of death of the former spouse must be provided. Acceptable proof is an original copy of the **Death Certificate**, the **Funeral Director's Statement of Death** or an **obituary notice** from the newspaper. **Please note** - a birth certificate marked deceased will not be accepted.

Waiting period

Once the affidavit has been completed, there is a **five day waiting period** before the license can be picked up.

License fee and method of payment

The cost of the license is \$100.00. Accepted methods of payment are cash, debit, money order or traveller's cheques. **Please note** - Visa, Master Card or personal cheques are not accepted.