

**Whatcom County
Auditor's Office**
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Enclosed or attached is your application to obtain a marriage license

Verify the information on the marriage application. Once verified, take the marriage application to a notary to have Person A and Person B's signature notarized. The parties do not have to have their signatures notarized on the same day.

Mail or drop off (box outside our front doors) the original notarized **Application and Affidavit for Marriage License**, bottom portion of this form, and payment* of **\$62.00** to:

Whatcom County Auditor
Attention: Marriages
311 Grand Ave, Suite 103
Bellingham WA 98225

*Personal checks, cashier's checks, and money orders payable to Whatcom County Auditor.

The 3-day waiting period BEGINS the day we process your notarized marriage application and payment is received in our office. You may not get married during this waiting period. The marriage license is valid for 60 days following the 3-day waiting period.

Detach and return below portion with your Application and Affidavit for Marriage License

The completed information below will help us in processing your Marriage Application

Date of Marriage: _____
(Once processed marriage license is valid for 60 days after the 3-day waiting period)

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment: Payment is enclosed **OR** Contact me and I will pay over the phone with a credit/debit card (a small convenience fee applies to card payments)

How do you want to receive your Marriage License after processing (check one):

We will pick up the marriage license packet before our ceremony from the file cabinet outside the Auditor's office. We will pick it up on (date): _____
Pickup available 8:30 – 4:30 Monday – Friday (except Holidays)

Mail us the marriage license. Allow enough time to mail the Marriage License and Certificate of Marriage back to you. You will need these forms for the ceremony.

o Mailing address: _____

Informational facts about obtaining a marriage license in Washington State

- A list of some marriage officiants can be found online at <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/221/Marriage-Officials>
You can also consult local listings for possible wedding officiants.
- Both applicants must be 18 years of age or older and currently unmarried.
- Applicants who are 17 years of age or under must have written consent by one parent or legal guardian. The consent must be sworn to and signed before a notary public or deputy auditor. Applicants 16 years of age or under must also have written consent from a Superior Court Judge.
- Applicants do not have to be residents of Washington State to obtain a marriage license. However, the license is only valid for marriages that are performed in Washington.
- Proof of divorce from a previous spouse, or death of a spouse, is not required to obtain a marriage license. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the divorce decree is final before applying for a new marriage license.
- A marriage license can be purchased *in any county* in Washington at that county auditor's office and *used in any county* in Washington. You do *not* have to live in the county where you purchase the license. Your license allows you to be married anywhere in Washington State.
- The marriage license is void and the fee is non-refundable if the marriage does not take place within 60 days of issue.