

**Only use this application if you are applying for marriage documents from within Alberta.**

If you are applying for marriage documents from outside Alberta, use the [Registry Connect Application for Certificate/Documents](#). To order documents for marriages that occurred outside Alberta, contact the province/territory/country where the marriage took place.

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION**

- This application **must** be submitted in person to a registry agent office - an authorized agent for the Government of Alberta. To locate an Alberta registry agent office, visit our website at <http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/find-a-registry-agent.cfm>
- The applicant **must** provide acceptable proof of identity. (See instructions below when acceptable proof of identity documents are not available)
- Ensure you are eligible to apply and that you have the necessary supporting documents. (See Eligibility Information for details)
- The information you provide must be as complete as possible. If you cannot complete the required marriage details you must provide a written explanation with your application before it can be approved by Vital Statistics.
- If a record cannot be found, a search for a three year period is automatically conducted and you will be notified accordingly.

**NOTE: All correspondence (if applicable) will be mailed directly to the address provided on the application regardless of the certificate delivery options available at the registry agent office.**

**What kinds of marriage documents are available to order?**

Alberta Vital Statistics only maintains records for marriages that occur in Alberta. Ensure you are ordering the correct document.

**CERTIFICATE**

All marriage certificates are certified extracts of the original Registration of Marriage. There are two styles of marriage certificates.

**Small Certificate** - This style contains the name(s) of both parties to the marriage, date of marriage, place of marriage, registration number, registration date, date issued.

**Large Certificate** - This style contains the same information as the Small Certificate style above plus the birthplace of both parties to the marriage (province/country only).

**CERTIFIED PHOTOCOPY OF REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE**

A photocopy of the original Registration of Marriage certified by Vital Statistics.

**NOTE:** Photocopies are rarely needed. They are not for use as identification.

**SEARCH LETTER**

A search letter only states whether the marriage is registered or not. No other details are provided.

**What is acceptable proof of identity and why is it needed?**

When ordering Vital Statistics certificates/documents, the applicant must present an acceptable proof of identity document. This document must be issued by a provincial or federal government. It must contain a recognizable photograph, full name, and a distinctive identification number. If the document has an expiry date, the document must currently be valid. If the document has no expiry date, then it must have been issued within the last 5 years. If the document is in a language other than English, then the applicant must provide a notarized English translation including an affidavit from the translator stating that the translation is accurate.

**What if I don't have acceptable proof of identity or am unable to apply in person at a registry agent office?**

Your consent may be provided to another person to act on your behalf as a designated agent by completing the Applicant's Consent to Designated Agent section on the application. The designated agent must have known you for at least 1 year, must complete the Designated Agent's Statutory Declaration on the application, and must present their own acceptable proof of identity. Not all applicants may provide their consent to a designated agent - see Eligibility Information.

**NOTE: When designating another person to apply on your behalf, you are still the eligible applicant. You will need to sign the application form and enter your personal information and relationship to the person listed on the certificate.**

**What is the cost for documents?**

For certificates and certified photocopies there is a government fee of \$20.00 per certificate/document, plus a registry agent service fee. For search letters, there is a government fee of \$20.00 for each three-year period searched or portion thereof, plus a registry agent service fee.

**How long does it take to process an application?**

Under normal circumstances when the application has been completed correctly and there are no further requirements, certificates/documents are usually printed within 2 business days after the agent submits the request to Vital Statistics.

**How will a marriage document be delivered to me?**

Documents are mailed to the address provided on the application, unless other arrangements have been made with a registry agent office.

**Who is eligible to apply for Vital Statistics' marriage documents?**

- a) A party to the marriage (bride/spouse or groom/spouse)
- b) A guardian, trustee or person with power of attorney for a person described in a). A copy of the legal document showing the applicant's name must be attached to the application.
- c) A person who is a designated agent for a person described in a) or b). The consent and statutory declaration on the application form must be completed.
- d) A person who is designated by a personal directive as an agent of the person described in a). A copy of the legal document showing the applicant's name must be attached to the application.
- e) A person with an order from a court in Alberta. A copy of the order authorizing the applicant must be attached to the application.
- f) A lawyer for a person described in a), b), d) or e). A copy of the lawyer's valid Law Society card must be attached to the application (this is in addition to the ID requirement).

**When a person who was a party to the marriage is deceased:**

- g) An adult next-of-kin\* of a person who was a party to the marriage, including a minor spouse/partner. A death certificate, and either proof of relationship or an Affidavit of Relationship\*\* must be attached to the application.
- h) The executor, personal representative or estate administrator for the deceased party to the marriage. A death certificate and a copy of the legal document showing the applicant's name must be attached to the application.
- i) A public trustee who needs it to comply with Part 2 Division 2 of the *Public Trustee Act*.
- j) An adult relative of a deceased party to the marriage when there are no other eligible applicants. A death certificate, and either proof of relationship or an Affidavit of Relationship\*\* must be attached to the application.

*\*Next-of-kin: Mother, father, brother, sister, children, spouse or adult interdependent partner. This does not include in-laws, grandchildren, step relatives, aunts, uncles, nieces or nephews. Persons who have been adopted or who have placed their child for adoption are not "next-of-kin" to biological relations.*

\*\*Affidavit of Relationship form is available at a registry agent office.

**No eligibility requirements:**

- k) Anyone may apply for a search letter.
- l) Anyone may apply for a photocopy of a Registration of Marriage when the marriage record is 75 years old or older. Applications are made through the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

**Provincial Archives of Alberta:**

Website: <http://culture.alberta.ca/paa/>

Email: [paa@gov.ab.ca](mailto:paa@gov.ab.ca)

General Inquiries: 780-427-1750

Reference Room: 780-427-1056

Toll Free Dialing within Alberta: First dial 310-0000, and then dial the full ten-digit phone number.

8555 Roper Road

Edmonton, Alberta T6E 5W1

For questions regarding this application, please contact Vital Statistics at 780-427-7013. For toll free dialing within Alberta, first dial 310-0000, then dial 780-427-7013. For more information on Vital Statistics products and services visit our website <http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/family-and-life-events.cfm>

This information is collected in accordance with the *Vital Statistics Act and Regulations*. It is required to determine your eligibility to apply for products and services, search Vital Statistics registration records and process your request. Collection is authorized under s. 33(a) and (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about the collection can be directed to Vital Statistics' staff @ Box 2023, Edmonton AB T5J 4W7 or 780-427-7013 (toll free 310-0000 within Alberta).

**IMPORTANT:** To avoid delays, read the Information Sheet and the Eligibility Information BEFORE completing this application.

**PRINT CLEARLY** - The information you provide will be used to process your request and mail the MARRIAGE documents requested below and any correspondence (if necessary).

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANT'S INFORMATION (Complete all areas of this section in full)**

Full Name of Eligible Applicant (See Eligibility Information)		Applicant's Phone No. (Daytime)	Applicant's Email Address	
Suite/Apt No.	Complete Street Address	City/Town/Village/County	Province/Country	Postal/Zip Code
State Your Relationship to Person Named on Certificate		Reason Certificate Required		
Mail Marriage Documents and any Correspondence (if applicable) to:		Date Signed (month, day, year)	Signature of Applicant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's Address ↑   <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Address ↓			X	

**ALTERNATE MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE (If this section applies, please complete in full)**

C/O Name (if different from applicant)				
Suite/Apt No.	Complete Street Address	City/Town/Village/County	Province/Country	Postal/Zip Code

**NOTE: All correspondence (if applicable) will be mailed directly to the address selected above regardless of the certificate delivery option at the registry agent office.**

**TYPE OF DOCUMENT**

Small Marriage Certificate	Quantity	Large Marriage Certificate	Quantity	Certified Copy of Registration of Marriage	Quantity	Search Letter (\$20 government fee applies to each 3 year period)
						From: <i>Month/Day/Year</i> To: <i>Month/Day/Year</i>

**MARRIAGE DETAILS**

Date of Marriage		Place of Marriage (City/Town/Village)		Province
<i>Month by name</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Year</i>		<b>Alberta</b>
Last Name of Bride/Spouse 1 (prior to this marriage)		Given Name(s)	Birthplace	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Last Name of Groom/Spouse 2 (prior to this marriage)		Given Name(s)	Birthplace	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

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Only complete the section below if you are providing your consent to a designated agent to apply on your behalf (see Information Sheet).

APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO DESIGNATED AGENT	DESIGNATED AGENT'S STATUTORY DECLARATION
I, _____ Full Name of Applicant	I, _____ Full Name of Designated Agent
of _____ Street Address City/Town/Village	of _____ Street Address City/Town/Village
Province/Country Postal/Zip Code Phone Number	Province/Country Postal/Zip Code Phone Number
give my consent to _____ Full Name of the Designated Agent	do solemnly declare that I have known _____ Full Name of the Applicant
of _____ Street Address City/Town/Village	for _____ year(s). X Number Signature of Designated Agent
Province/Country Postal/Zip Code Phone Number	Declared before me at _____ Alberta
whom I have known for _____ year(s) to make this application on my behalf. Number X	dated _____, _____
Signature of Applicant	X Signature of Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public in and for Alberta