

Information re: Foreign Divorces

If you are applying for an Ontario Marriage Licence and have been previously divorced outside of Canada, you are required to do the following:

1. Obtain and complete the “Marriage Licence Application”
2. Obtain and complete a “Statement of Sole Responsibility” (located in our offices).
3. Take the Certificate of Divorce or Decree to a lawyer in Ontario and have that lawyer issue a letter stating the divorce is legal.
4. The following original documents:
 - A) Marriage Licence Application Form
 - B) Statement of Sole Responsibility
 - C) Divorce Certificate
 - D) Letter from Lawyer

Should be sent directly and immediately to:

Office of the Registrar General
Attn: Marriage Department
PO Box 4600, Stn. “P”
189 Red River Road
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 9Z9

5. The ORG will issue a letter stating we are authorized to issue a Marriage Licence. We will then require the completed Application Form (usually returned by fax from the ORG with the authorization letter) and required identification (please see the Town of Cobourg’s Marriage Licence Requirements).

NOTE: If the documents are time-sensitive because the wedding is taking place within a month, we advise that you courier the documents to the ORG and enclose a prepaid envelope for them to return the documents.



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Statement of Sole Responsibility

Under the provisions of Section 8 of the
Marriage Act

In the matter of an application for a licence under the **Marriage Act**

We, _____ of _____
(Groom) (Name of city, town or village)

et _____ of _____
(Bride) (Name of city, town or village)

understand and acknowledge that the issuance of a marriage licence under the provisions of Section 8 of the **Marriage Act** does not necessarily imply that the divorce/annulment granted

in _____ on _____
(Name of city, town, village and province or country) (Date)

dissolving/annulling the marriage of _____

and _____ would be recognized as valid by the Courts of
the Province of Ontario.

(Signature of Groom)

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Bride)

Personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of the **Marriage Act**, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 3, and will be used to determine whether to issue the marriage licence, to register and record the marriage, provide certified copies, extracts, certificates, search notices, photocopies and for statistical, research, medical, law enforcement, adoption and adoption disclosure purposes.

Questions about this collection should be referred to:

Deputy Registrar General
P.O. Box 4600
189 Red River Road
Thunder Bay ON P7B 6L8
1-800-461-2156