

Obtaining a Marriage License in Forsyth County

All Applicants Must Present Valid Identification and Social Security Numbers

To obtain a marriage license in the County of Forsyth, applicants must apply in person to the Register of Deeds. If over 18 years of age and one applicant is not able to appear in person, the other party to the marriage must appear in person on behalf of the applicant and submit a sworn and notarized Affidavit in Lieu of Personal Appearance, along with valid photo identification and social security numbers for both parties. The affidavit may be printed from our website www.co.forsyth.nc.us/rod.

A marriage license may be obtained from any county in North Carolina. The same license is valid only for ceremonies held in North Carolina. Following the ceremony, the license must be returned to the county where the license was issued.

What to Bring With You	
Completed Marriage Worksheet	To save a substantial amount of time, the worksheet may be completed online at: www.co.forsyth.nc.us/rod/MarriageApplicationForm.aspx . You may also use a computer or obtain a print copy of the worksheet at our office.
Proof of Social Security Number	Required for all applicants- present valid Social Security card, tax form, etc. Individuals without social security numbers must sign an affidavit to that affect.
Proof of Age	Under 14 ▪ Cannot marry
	Ages 14-15 ▪ Can marry ONLY in the case of pregnancy or birth of a child ▪ CERTIFIED copy of District Court Order ▪ CERTIFIED birth certificate
	Ages 16-17 ▪ CERTIFIED birth certificate ▪ Consent of a parent having full or joint custody- acknowledged before the Register of Deeds ▪ Valid Photo ID of the person giving consent
	Ages 18-20 ▪ CERTIFIED birth certificate
	Ages 18-20 and NO birth certificate ▪ Driver License <i>PLUS</i> one of the following: ♦ Hospital or police record of birth ♦ Passport - - <i>Name and date of birth must be on these proofs</i> - - <i>Without photo ID, two records must be presented</i>
Age 21 + ▪ Valid Photo ID with name and date of birth	
Divorced and Widowed Applicants	If one or both applicants are divorced or widowed less than 60 days prior to applying for a marriage license, a certified copy of the divorce decree(s) or death certificate(s) must be presented.
Physical Exam and Blood Test	NOT REQUIRED
Fees	Total Fee \$70 \$60 Marriage License \$10 Certified Copy
Payment	CASH ONLY ▪ No personal checks accepted ▪ No credit or debit cards accepted

HOURS FOR OBTAINING A LICENSE in Forsyth County are between **8:00 AM and 4:30 PM**. Monday through Friday. We do not close for lunch. You must be in our office before 4:30 PM. We do not issue marriage licenses after that time.

NO WAITING PERIOD- A license may be used immediately, but not later than **60 days** from the date of issuance.

MARRIAGES BY MAGISTRATES (FORSYTH COUNTY)

To get married by a Magistrate, you must make an appointment. Please call between 8:00 - 9:00 AM & 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Their phone numbers and schedules are as follows:

Winston-Salem - (336) 761-2372 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Hall of Justice, Room 434

Kernersville - (336) 993-5389 Tuesdays and Thursdays (call for directions)