

Obtaining a Marriage License in Forsyth County

➔ **All applicants must present Valid Identification with their Full Legal Name** ←
Know Your USA Social Security Number (required for those eligible)

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 their behalf and submit a sworn and notarized Affidavit in Lieu of Personal Appearance, along with a certified copy or the original valid photo ID and all other applicable information as noted below. Copies are not accepted.

The affidavit and other information can be found on our website www.forsyth.cc/rod.

If you are under 21 years of age you must bring your certified birth certificate in addition to valid ID.

Complete the marriage worksheet online within 30 days of applying.

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 Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> # 1	Completed Marriage Worksheet (complete within 30 days of applying)	To save a substantial amount of time, the worksheet may be completed online at: http://www.forsyth.cc/rod/MarriageApplicationFormNewv2.aspx . You may also use a computer or obtain a print copy of the worksheet at our office. Before coming to our office, be sure to gather data needed and allow for extra manual processing time.
<input type="checkbox"/> # 2	Know your Social Security Number (Required for eligible applicants)	REQUIRED FOR ALL ELIGIBLE USA APPLICANTS- applicants must provide their valid United States social security number. Individuals that are not eligible for USA social security numbers must sign an affidavit to that affect.
<input type="checkbox"/> # 3	Proof of Age <i>(find your age and determine which documents are needed)</i>	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 plus valid ID
		Ages 16-17 ▪ CERTIFIED birth certificate plus valid ID ▪ 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 plus valid ID
		* Ages 18-20 and NO birth certificate must bring: ▪ Valid ID PLUS one of the following: ♦ Hospital or police record of birth ♦ Passport - - Name and date of birth must be on these proofs - - Without photo ID, two records must be presented
Age 21 + ▪ Valid Photo ID with name and date of birth		
<input type="checkbox"/> # 4	Divorced Applicants	If one or both applicants are divorced, the month and year of the final divorce decree must be listed on the marriage worksheet. Copies of the decree are not required. If unsure of date, please contact the clerk of courts in the county where divorce was processed.
<input type="checkbox"/> # 5	Physical Exam and Blood Test	NOT REQUIRED
<input type="checkbox"/> # 6	Payment	\$70 Cash Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$60 Marriage License ▪ \$10 Certified Copy ▪ 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** after the date of issuance.

MARRIAGES BY MAGISTRATES in Forsyth County- To be married by a Magistrate, you must first call to make an appointment. Call (336) 779-6319 weekdays between 8:00-9:00 AM or 4:00-5:00 PM to schedule a ceremony in Winston Salem or Kernersville. Be sure to ask for directions to their offices.