



## INFORMATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENCE APPLICATIONS

The Corporation of the City of London

<b>Enquiry:</b>	The City Clerk's Office, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, ON N6A 4L9 Telephone: 519-661-4530 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
<b>Citizenship/Residency:</b>	There are no citizenship or residency requirements when applying for a marriage licence in Ontario.
<b>Licence Fee:</b>	\$135.00 (subject to change without notice) Cash, Debit, Visa, Mastercard and American Express
<b>Blood Tests:</b>	Not required in Ontario prior to the issuance of a Marriage Licence
<b>Both Signatures required:</b>	The Marriage Licence Application form must be completed and signed by both parties to the marriage.
<b>Obtaining a licence when one party is absent:</b>	One party to the marriage may submit the completed application form to the City Clerk's Office in order to obtain the marriage licence, provided the following "identification" ORIGINAL documents are submitted in place of the absent party.
<b>Identification:</b>	<p>The City of London is required to examine your original identification as proof of identity along with current photo identification for both parties:</p> <p>If you have the following, you will not be required to produce another piece of identification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid passport</li> <li>• Valid Permanent Residency Card (with photo)</li> <li>• Canadian government refugee travel document (with photo)</li> <li>• Native status card (with photo)</li> <li>• Record of immigration landing (with photo)</li> </ul> <p>In addition to a <u>Birth Certificate</u> or <u>Canadian Citizenship Card</u>, one of the following pieces of identification will be accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid Drivers Licence (with photo)</li> <li>• Valid Ontario Photo Card (with photo)**new</li> <li>• Valid Health Card (with photo)</li> <li>• United States Green Card (with photo)</li> <li>• Age of Majority or BYID (with photo)</li> </ul>
<b>Age Requirements:</b>	Both partners must be 18 years of age or older. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, parental consent is required. If you are under 16 years of age you may not marry in the Province of Ontario.
<b>Gender:</b>	The City of London issues marriage licences to all eligible couples. Same-sex couples have been receiving licences since 2003, following the June 10, 2003 Ontario Court of Appeal decision making same sex marriages legal in Ontario.
<b>Widowed Applicants:</b>	Applicants who are widowed are not required to provide proof of the death of their spouse.
<b>Applicants divorced within Canada:</b>	Applicants who have been divorced within Canada are required to produce either the original or a Court certified copy of the Decree Absolute or Certificate of Divorce.
<b>Applicants divorced outside Canada:</b>	Applicants who have been divorced outside of Canada are required to follow a different process in order to ensure that their divorce is honoured in this country. Please consult with the City Clerk's Office to obtain a ServiceOntario information package.
<b>Three month validity:</b>	Once issued, the Marriage Licence is valid for three months and may be used at any location within the Province of Ontario (location must be as specified on the licence).
<b>Translation:</b>	If one of the parties to the marriage is present in the City Clerk's Office and does not speak and/or understand English, they must provide a translator who is not related to either party.

## CITY OF LONDON CIVIL CEREMONIES

The Office of the City Clerk will provide civil (cannot be any religious connotation to the ceremony) ceremonies between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. only. The City of London does not officiate ceremonies after hours or on weekends.

Ceremonies are available on a first-come, first-served basis only after a questionnaire and consultation is complete and payment is received. Appointments will not be taken by telephone.

The ceremony fee is \$250.00 plus HST. Note: A \$100.00 administration fee shall be retained by the City of London should the scheduled ceremony be cancelled after the consultation has been completed.

The City Clerk or designate will act as officiate to solemnize the ceremony. The civil marriage service will be non-denominational and solemn ceremony, which adheres to the requirements of the Province of Ontario, Ministry of Government Services.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office for further information.