

FOREIGN DIVORCE KIT

The Marriage Act requires that where a former marriage was dissolved or annulled in a jurisdiction other than Canada, you must obtain authorization from the Service Ontario – Marriage Office, Office of the Registrar General, before a marriage licence can be purchased or issued.

To obtain this authorization, the following documents must be forwarded to Service Ontario:

1. The attached **Marriage Licence Application** fully completed and signed by both applicants. (Form 11018E).
2. An original Decree(s) of Divorce or Annulment certified by the proper Court Officer in the jurisdiction where the divorce/annulment was granted or sealed by the Court. If the decree is in a language other than English or French, a certified translation must be provided.
3. The attached **Statement of Sole Responsibility** for each divorce signed by both applicants and a witness. (Form 11025E).
4. A legal opinion letter from an Ontario lawyer, addressed to both applicants to the marriage, giving reasons why the divorce or annulment should be recognized in the Province of Ontario.

The above documents must be forwarded to:

Service Ontario – Marriage Office
Office of the Registrar General
P.O. Box 4600, 189 Red River Road
Thunder Bay, ON
P7B 6L8

After receiving authorization from the province, submit the document to any Civic Centre Office along with the Marriage Licence Application Form, licence fee and all other applicable documentation.

Enquires additional information and to obtain a sample legal opinion letter regarding the authorization process, should be directed to Service Ontario – Marriage Office at 1-800-461-2156.

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