

## ***REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN TROUP COUNTY***

- Both parties **must** present a photo I.D. and must show proof of age. We accept the following documents as proof of age: driver's license, passport, military I.D., or certified birth certificate (with official translation if not in English).
- You must be 17 years of age or older in order to obtain a marriage license. If 17 years of age, please see information below regarding new law.
- If either applicant has been married previously, they must present proof that the previous marriage was dissolved, either by divorce or death. Proof of dissolution must be either a copy of their Final Judgment and Decree of Divorce for the last divorce which shows that it was signed by a Judge and filed in office or a certified death certificate. In the event either document is not in English, you will need to provide a certified translation.
- If both applicants reside outside the State of Georgia, they must get married in the county in which they purchase their license.
- The fee for the marriage license is \$78.00. If you have a Certification of Completion of Qualifying Premarital Education the fee is \$38.00. This fee includes a Certified Marriage Certificate as well as an application that you will need for the Social Security Administration.
- Please pay by cash or check only. We do not accept credit/debit cards.
- You may obtain a marriage license between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. Please have all applications completed no later than 4:30 P.M. in order to receive your marriage license the same day. Please check for closings.
- Both applicants must sign the marriage application in the presence of a Deputy Clerk.

For questions, please contact the Troup County Probate Court Office at (706) 883-1690.

## Marriage License Application Instructions

Below you will find detailed instructions on how to complete each field of the application. ALL of the blanks must be completed unless otherwise noted. If you have additional questions, please ask one of the clerks.

| Personal Particulars                      | Under Applicant #1 or Applicant #2  |
|---|---|
| 1. Full Legal Name                        | Print full <b>CURRENT</b> first, middle and last name with no abbreviations   |
| 2. Last Name at Birth                     | Print the last name at the time of your birth   |
| 3. Street Address                         | Print Physical/Residence Address  |
| 4. Age – Last Birthday<br>Date of Birth   | Print age as of last birthday and date of birth   |
| 5. Gender                                 | Indicate “male” or “female”   |
| 6. Race                                   | This is optional. If you want to complete it, print what you feel is appropriate  |
| 7. Birthplace                             | Print the city or county and state. Also print the country if not the United States   |
| 8. Relationship of Parties                | If the applicants are related to each other, then print the relationship; if not, then print “none”   |
| 9. Full name to be used after marriage    | If the applicant’s name will be changed as a result of the marriage, print the <b>FULL</b> name that will be used <b>AFTER</b> the marriage takes place   |
| 10A. Number of prior marriages            | Print the total number of marriages <b>PRIOR</b> to this one  |
| 10B. How prior marriage was dissolved     | Print whether the <b>last</b> marriage was dissolved by death, divorce, annulment or some other legal proceeding. <b>You will be required to provide either a certified death certificate or a copy of a signed and filed final order terminating the last marriage, as appropriate</b> |
| 10C. When and where                       | Print the date and location where the marriage was dissolved and case number.   |
| 11. Father’s name                         | Print father’s <b>FULL</b> name. If not known, then print “unknown”   |
| 12. Father’s birthplace                   | Print city, state and country of father’s birth, if known. If not known, then print “unknown”   |
| 13. Mother’s maiden name                  | Print mother’s <b>FULL MAIDEN</b> name. If not know, then print “unknown”   |
| 14. Mother’s birthplace                   | Print city, state and country of mother’s birth, if known. If not known, then print “unknown”   |
| 15. Date & place of contemplated marriage | If known, print the date, city where you plan to marry. If not known, print “unknown.” <b>THE LICENSE IS ONLY VALID IN GEORGIA</b>  |
| 16. Premarital counseling                 | Print “yes” or “no” and provide documentation that the counseling was completed in accordance with Georgia law  |

# MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please fill in ALL information

## Applicant #1 Information

First/Middle/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address AFTER Marriage (please include zip code)  
\_\_\_\_\_

County of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name change after marriage (yes or no)?

## Applicant #2 Information

First/Middle/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address AFTER Marriage (please include zip code)  
\_\_\_\_\_

County of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name change after marriage (yes or no)?

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE –AFTER THE MARRIAGE LICENSE IS ISSUED, A SUPERIOR COURT ORDER WILL BE REQUIRED IF YOU DECIDE ON A DIFFERENT LAST NAME OR IF THERE IS A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR NOT BROUGHT TO THE CLERKS ATTENTION\*\*\***

If yes, change to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Previous Marriages: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Marriage Dissolved (circle one) Divorce/Death Case# \_\_\_\_\_

When and Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Birthplace (State): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name at birth (Maiden name):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's birthplace (State): \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, change to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Previous Marriages: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Marriage Dissolved (circle one) Divorce/Death Case# \_\_\_\_\_

When and Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Birthplace (State): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name at birth (Maiden name):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's birthplace (State): \_\_\_\_\_

Is either applicant currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces: Circle YES or NO

Are there any legal impediments to this marriage that would make issuance of the license contrary to Georgia Law? (Underage, Intoxication, Bigamy, Degrees of Relationship, Capacity, Etc.) YES or NO

Expected Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

License are issued Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

- State or Federal Issued Photo ID
- \$78.00 Cash or Check
- \$38.00 Cash or Check if applicants have had **6 or more hours of marriage counseling** by a certified marriage counselor (Forms available at Probate Court) OR counseling by a Pastor (Statement from Pastor on church letterhead signed by Pastor and notarized)
- If previously married, MUST have final Divorce Decree signed by Judge or Certificate

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF  
QUALIFYING PREMARITAL EDUCATION

This will certify that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have completed a course of premarital education conducted by the undersigned on \_\_\_\_\_ [Date] and that such course qualifies under Section 19-3-30.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated in that it included **at least six hours** of instruction involving marital issues (which may include but not be limited to conflict management, communication skills, financial responsibilities, child and parenting responsibilities, and extended family roles) and the couple underwent the course together.

I further certify that I am

- \_\_\_ A professional counselor, social worker, or marriage and family therapist who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;
- \_\_\_ A psychiatrist who is licensed as a physician pursuant to Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;
- \_\_\_ A psychologist who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 39 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;
- \_\_\_ An active member of the clergy who:
  - \_\_\_ performed such education in the course of my service as clergy; OR
  - \_\_\_ designated \_\_\_\_\_ to perform such education, and I certify that my designee is trained and skilled in premarital education and has certified to me the completion of the course by the couple.

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP

## HB 228 MARRIAGE LICENSE CHANGES

EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 2019

### UNDERAGE APPLICANTS

1. REMOVES PARENTAL CONSENT TO MARRY FOR UNDER AGE 18 APPLICANTS. (THERE REMAINS NO PROVISION IN THE LAW FOR UNDERAGE APPLICANTS FOR REASON OF PREGNANCY.)
2. A 17 YEAR OLD MAY BE ISSUED A MARRIAGE LICENSE IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE MET:
  - A. A PETITION IS GRANTED IN JUVENILE COURT FOR EMANCIPATION AND A CERTIFIED COPY OF SUCH ORDER IS PRESENTED. (SEE §15-11-720)
  - B. 15 DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DATE THE ORDER GRANTING EMANCIPATION WAS GRANTED.
  - C. THE OLDER PARTY TO THE MARRIAGE IS NO MORE THAN 4 YEARS OLDER THAN THE YOUNGER PARTY.
  - D. APPLICANTS HAVE COMPLETED PREMARITAL EDUCATION ACCORDING TO §19-3-30.1 (THERE ARE ADDITIONAL COUNSELING REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE 17 YEARS OLD)
  - E. \$38.00 FEE (CASH OR CHECK) NOTE §15-9-60.1 STILL REQUIRES \$15.00 TO BE COLLECTED FOR CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND ON ALL MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AND §31-10-21(F) REQUIRES \$1.00 RECORDING FEE TO BE COLLECTED ON ALL MARRIAGES TO BE RECORDED.

### PROOF OF AGE

19-3-36 IS AMENDED TO REQUIRE ALL APPLICANTS TO PRESENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF PROOF OF AGE. THE PROVISION NOT TO HAVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IF THE JUDGE KNOWS THE APPLICANT OR IF THE APPLICANT APPEARS TO BE AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF AGE, AND PRESENTS AN AFFIDAVIT OF AGE IS REMOVED.

### SUMMARY

1. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019, NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 17 SHALL BE ISSUED A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA FOR ANY REASON.
2. ALL MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANTS MUST PRESENT DOCUMENTED PROOF OF AGE BEFORE A LICENSE CAN BE ISSUED. A LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PROOFS OF AGE ARE LISTED IN §19-3-36