



Marriage Officiant Information:

Registration

- Individuals must be 21 years of age to officiate a wedding
- An individual must record their Certificate of Filing with a county before performing a marriage ceremony. (Attach credentials if available)
- A Certificate of Filing will be issued at the local county office. Enter the county of registration on each marriage certificate you perform.
- Once registered, marriages can be performed anywhere in the State of Minnesota.

Statutes for Officiants

[M.S. 517.06](#)

The couple and witnesses must be present at the ceremony, and you must view ID of all four people.

[M.S. 517.10](#)

The officiant and witnesses print and sign their names on the certificate

[M.S. 517.13](#)

Complete and return the original certificate to the Land Records office within 5 days after the ceremony to avoid penalty.

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Essentials

- ❖ A MN Marriage License must be used in the borders of the State of Minnesota
- ❖ A license is valid for 6 months. The marriage license will state the date range that it is valid for.
- ❖ The **Marriage License** is to be kept by the officiant and the original **Marriage Certificate** is to be returned to the county office where the applicants applied within 5 days to avoid penalty.
- ❖ Must have 2 witnesses that are at least 16 years of age or older and have a photo ID.

Tips for Completing the Marriage Certificate

- ❖ Print legibly. This is a legal document that will remain on record forever.
- ❖ Have both witnesses sign and print their name below.
- ❖ Complete each line on the certificate. Missing information will delay the issuance of a certified copy.
- ❖ If you have any questions, please call the Land Records office before returning the marriage certificate.



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