

# *Are you getting married?*

## Here's what you need to know about obtaining a marriage licence:

- ❖ **WHERE CAN YOU GET A LICENCE:** A marriage licence is available from the Town of Saugeen Shores for marriages taking place anywhere in the Province of Ontario
- ❖ **AGE:** Both parties must be at least 18 years of age
- ❖ **WHO CAN RECEIVE A MARRIAGE LICENCE:** A marriage licence can only be issued to the bride and/or groom
- ❖ **WHO MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION:** Both parties must complete and sign the application-available at the Municipal Office or on the Government of Ontario website under Life Events ([www.gov.on.ca](http://www.gov.on.ca))
- ❖ **BLOOD TESTS/WAITING PERIODS:** There are no blood tests or waiting periods required
- ❖ **IDENTIFICATION:** Two pieces of identification are required: birth certificate, passport, citizenship papers - one piece must be photo identification
- ❖ **COST OF LICENCE:** The licence fee is \$125.00
- ❖ **LICENCE EXPIRATION:** The licence is valid for three months from the date of issue
- ❖ **DIVORCED:** You require an original or Court certified copy of papers or Certificate of Divorce (issued by Canadian Courts only)
- ❖ **HOW LONG UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR LICENCE:** Your licence is completed at the Town office, normally on the same day as you apply, without an appointment but if you're in a hurry it's always a good idea to let us know you're coming

## Special Circumstances

- ❖ **GETTING MARRIED IN ANOTHER PROVINCE OR TERRITORY:** If you're getting married in another province or territory in Canada you must contact the province's or territory's vital statistics office for information
- ❖ **GETTING MARRIED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY:** If you are planning to get married in another country, you may require a Marriage Letter (also known as a Search Letter or Letter of Non-Impediment) confirming that there is no record of a marriage for you registered in Ontario. You may obtain this letter by applying to the Office of the Registrar General. To get married in another country, you must contact the country's embassy or consulate for more information
- ❖ **DIVORCED OUTSIDE OF CANADA:** If you were divorced outside of Canada, you must obtain authorization from the Minister of Consumer and Business Services before a marriage licence can be issued to you. To obtain this authorization you will need to contact the Office of the Registrar General Marriage Office in Thunder Bay

**For details, appointments or for further information please contact:**

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