



**PORT COLBORNE**

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## MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND NAME CHANGE

### How to Apply for a Marriage Certificate

The couple must apply for a Marriage Certificate as one is not issued to you automatically.

A Marriage Certificate is the legal record of the marriage. The certificate includes:

- The date of marriage
- Location of the marriage
- The names of the people who were married.

Before you can apply for a Marriage Certificate, the marriage needs to be registered by the Province of Ontario.

The officiant who performed the marriage will send your completed and signed marriage licence, immediately after the marriage ceremony to Service Ontario so the marriage can be registered. Allow approximately **6 - 8 weeks** for processing the licence, at which time you can order an official Marriage Certificate.

The Record of Solemnization is **not** an official Marriage Certificate.

### Ordering a Marriage Certificate on-line from Service Ontario

Visit Service Ontario and complete the available forms at: [www.serviceontario.ca](http://www.serviceontario.ca).

Obtaining a Marriage Certificate is not required; however, individuals need this document to:

- Provide legal proof that they are married
- To apply for a change of last name
- To apply for certain social benefits

### Changing Your Last Name After Marriage

A Marriage Certificate will be required as proof of marriage to change your name on your government documents such as:

- health card
- driver's licence
- Ontario Photo Card
- Passport (Visit Service Canada)

For any inquiries visit Service Ontario Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/serviceontario>

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