



FOREIGN DIVORCE REQUIREMENTS

The Marriage Act requires that where a former marriage was dissolved or annulled in a jurisdiction other than Canada, authorization must be obtained from the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations before a marriage licence can be issued.

To obtain the authorization, the following documents must be forwarded to the Office of the Registrar General:

1. The enclosed Marriage Licence Application fully completed and signed by both applicants.
2. An original decree of divorce or annulment certified by the proper court officer in the jurisdiction of the divorce/annulment was granted. If the decree is in a language other than English or French, a certified translation must be provided.
3. The enclosed Statement of Sole Responsibility for each foreign divorce and signed by both applicants.
4. A legal opinion of an Ontario lawyer, addressed to both applicants, giving reasons why the divorce or annulment should be recognized in the Province of Ontario. For more specific information regarding the contents of the opinion letter contact the Office of the Registrar General.

The above documents must be forwarded to:

Office of the Registrar General
P.O. Box 4600
189 Red River Road
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 6L8
Attn: M.A.M.

After receiving authorization from the province, submit the document to City Hall along with the Marriage Licence Application form, licence fee and all other applicable documents.

Enquiries regarding the authorization process should be directed to the Office of the Registrar General at any of the following numbers:

Toll Free within Ontario 1-800-461-2156

Toll Free within Toronto 1-416-325-8305