

Office Locations

You may apply for a marriage license in both offices of the Chaffee County Clerk and Recorder.

The Salida office is located in the County Courthouse at 104 Crestone Avenue and has hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Buena Vista Branch Office is located at 112 Linderman Avenue and is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Applying for a Marriage License

Summary

Apply for a marriage license at either office of the Chaffee County Clerk and Recorder.

\$30.00 fee. Cash Only.

No parental consent is required if both applicants are 18 years of age.

Blood tests are not required.

License is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. (C.R.S. 14-2-107)

Couples may solemnize their own marriage. (C.R.S. 14-2-109)

Salida Office

104 Crestone Avenue
PO Box 699
Salida, Colorado
(719) 539-4004

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Buena Vista Office

Branch Office
112 Linderman Avenue
Buena Vista, Colorado
(719) 395-8296

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



CHAFFEE COUNTY
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MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Age Requirements

The legal age without parental consent is 18 years of age.

Applicants who are 16 and 17 years of age must have consent from both parents, the parent having full decision making authority, a guardian, or a judge.

Applicants 15 years of age or younger must obtain a court order granting judicial approval as well as complying with parents approval. The court order must be obtained in the county where judicial approval has been granted.

Application Rules

Both male and female applicants must appear in person to complete and sign the marriage license.

If one party cannot appear, he or she must obtain an ABSENTEE APPLICATION from the Clerk and Recorder's office. The ABSENTEE APPLICATION must be notarized.

The party applying must bring the ABSENTEE APPLICATION along with identification for the absent party.

Applicants need not be residents of Colorado.

Social Security Number

A Social Security Number is required or applicant may complete an affidavit regarding lack of Social Security Number.

Previous Marriages

If either party has been divorced, the date, type of court (District Court, County Court, etc.) and place (city and state) is needed.

If either party has been widowed, the date and place of death is needed.

Providing proof for the two requirements stated above is not necessary.

Proof of Identity and Age

In order to issue a Marriage License, we must have valid proof of age and proof of identity. The following forms of identification are acceptable for identification requirements. (Pursuant to C.R.S. 14-2-106 and 24-72.1-101)

Accepted forms of Identification

Driver's License (Colorado or out-of-state)

Passport

Visa

Birth Certificate – Original or Certified Copy

Military ID

State Issued ID Card

I94 with refugee/asylee status

Valid I551 Resident Alien/Permanent Resident card.

Valid I688, I688B and I766 (photo temporary resident card and photo employment authorization card.

Original or certified copy of the DD214 from the Department of Defense or Veteran Affairs.

Tribal Identification Card

United States or United States Territory Certified court order of adoption, (must include date of birth.)

Certificate of Naturalization with photo.

Oath

The couple will be required to swear under oath that all information given is true and correct.

Ceremony

A marriage may be solemnized by:

Couples may solemnize their own marriage. (C.R.S. 14-2-109)

Judge of a court of record

A public official whose powers include solemnization of marriages.

In accordance with any mode of solemnization recognized by any religious denomination.

Indian Tribe or Nation

A friend may not solemnize a marriage.

Clergy from out of state need not be registered in Colorado.

Witnesses are not required, but some clergy, judges, or public officials may request them.

License

The Marriage Certificate shall be completed and forwarded to the County Clerk and Recorder within 60 days of solemnizing.

After recording, the Clerk will mail your License and Certificate within 5-7 working days.