

Procedure for Obtaining a Local Marriage Licence

The procedure for obtaining Local Licence is very similar to the procedure for obtaining a Special Licence. The difference lies in the time period which parties have been residing in Antigua and Barbuda which also reflects different costs. The process begins at the Ministry of Legal Affairs on Queen Elizabeth Highway where:

- 1) Both Parties must take both passports along with a copy of his/her/their divorce papers if there has been any previous marriages.
- 2) An interview will be conducted with the Marriage Coordinator. After a successful completion of this interview, the Special Licence will be issued. This type of licence is issued to individuals who are considered residents (persons residing within Antigua and Barbuda for at least 15 days). The cost for this type of licence is EC\$100.00.
- 3) Once you have possession of this licence, you must visit the Registrar General's office which is located within very close proximity. The Registrar General's office number is 268-462-0609.
- 4) The cost for registering this licence at the Court House is EC\$100.00(US\$40.00.)
- 5) The cost for obtaining the official marriage certificate is EC\$25.00 (US\$10.00). If the wedding is performed outside the Court House, there is a Marriage Officer fee of EC\$270.00 (US\$100.00).

Legal Requirements For a Marriage Licence:

Local Licence

(Local Residents)

ID's Accepted: Passport, Birth Certificate, Driver's Licence, Voter's ID

Licence Fee: \$100.00

Registration Fee: \$100.00 (to be paid at the High Court)

Marriage Officer: \$270.00

Licence expires within three (3) months.

You MUST know your DATE, TIME and VENUE

Two (2) Witnesses must be present

If you have been married before please bring your Divorce Papers. If your spouse died please bring your Death Certificate.

Please make copies of: Passport with Picture and Bio information, immigration stamp (non-national).