



Requirements for Obtaining a Marriage Licence in Barbados

Application for a marriage licence must be made by **both** parties in person at the office of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- (a) Valid Passport and the original or certified copies of the applicants' birth certificates, and identification cards;
- (b) If either party was married previously and widowed, an original or certified copy of the marriage certificate **and** death certificate in respect of the deceased spouse;
- (c) If either party was divorced, an original Decree Absolute or Final Judgement.
The Decree Nisi is not accepted.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Persons who have been granted Barbadian citizenship – either by Descent, Registration or Naturalisation, Immigrant Status or Permanent Residence, are required to produce the **original** document issued by the Immigration Department of Barbados or the passport in which the relevant information has been stamped.

Non-nationals who have been granted work permits must produce the passport showing that a work permit was issued to them, or the relevant document issued by the Immigration Department, **not** the application form or receipt.

Please note that a work permit does not confer status and should be valid at the time of application.

Also note that no marriage licences will be issued for a date which is beyond the expiry date of any visitor's stay in Barbados.

N.B. *All documents not in English **must** be accompanied by an official translation..*

MARRIAGE OF MINORS

Persons under the age of sixteen (16) years cannot be legally married in Barbados. Persons eighteen (18) years of age and older do not require parental consent.

For persons between the ages of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years, the consent of both parents must be obtained and both parents must be present at the time of application. Failing this, a Judge in Barbados, on application being made to him, may exercise his discretion to dispense with consent.

FEES

1. Bds\$200.00 cash and a \$25.00 stamp –
If neither party is a citizen or resident of Barbados.
2. Bds\$45.00 cash and a \$10.00 stamp –
If either party is a citizen of Barbados.

Separate fees are payable to the Court and to the Magistrate in respect of civil marriage ceremonies.

PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements should be made with a Marriage Officer (a Magistrate or a Minister of Religion authorized to be a Marriage Officer in Barbados) prior to the completion of an application form for the marriage licence. **A letter from the Marriage Officer who has consented to perform the marriage ceremony should be presented at the time of making the application.**

A non-resident Minister of Religion who is requested to solemnize a marriage in Barbados must first obtain a temporary Marriage Officer's Licence in Barbados. Information outlining this procedure can be obtained by contacting the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A marriage may be solemnized immediately after the issuance of the licence.

BUSINESS HOURS

Applications for marriage licences must be made between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The offices of the Ministry of Home Affairs are closed on weekends and public holidays.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

The following fees are payable upon application for a copy of the marriage certificate which is obtainable from the Registration Department.

Bds \$20.00 - If neither party is a citizen of Barbados
Bds \$10.00 - If either party is a citizen of Barbados

The Registration Department is located at the below address:

Registrar of the Supreme Court
Registration Department
Coleridge Street
Bridgetown
BARBADOS

Telephone No. (246) 426-3461

Fax No. (246) 426-2405

Office hours of the Registration Department are Monday to Friday, 8.15 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. Applications for a Marriage Certificate must be made between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.

LIST OF MARRIAGE OFFICERS

MAGISTRATES

The Magistrate
District "A"
Bridgetown
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 426-3461

The Magistrate
District "A"
St. Matthias
Christ Church
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 228-4701

The Magistrate
District "B"
Oistins
Christ Church
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 428-2885/86

The Magistrate
District "F"
Horse Hill
St. Joseph
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 433-1501

The Magistrate
Belleplaine
St. Andrew
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 422-9201

The Magistrate
District "E"
Holetown
St. James
Barbados
Tel. Nos. (246) 432-0986
(246) 432-2976
(246) 432-2905

LIST OF CHURCHES

Anglican

The Anglican Church
Diocesan Office
Mandeville House
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 426-2762
Fax No. (246) 426-0871
Email: mandeville@sunbeach.net

Pentecostal

Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies
P.O. Box 23W
Worthing
Christ Church
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 420-7721

Episcopal

African Methodist Episcopal Church
C/o Presiding Elder
Upper Collymore Rock
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 427-1046

Methodist

The Methodist Church
James Street Church Office
James Street
Bridgetown
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 436-6859
Fax No. (246) 427-1319
Email: jamesstreet@caribsurf.com

Roman Catholic

Bridgetown Diocese of Roman Catholic Church
Laydmeade Gardens
P.O. Box 1223
Bridgetown
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 426-3510
Fax No. (246) 429-6198
Email: rcbishopbgl@caribsurf.com

Salvation Army

Salvation Army
Divisional Headquarters
Reed Street
Bridgetown
Barbados
Tel. Nos. (246) 426-2467/(246) 228-1361
Fax (246) 426-9369
Email: BarbadosDivisionalCommander@Car.salvationarmy.org

Adventist

Eastern Caribbean Conference of Seventh Day
Adventists
Brittons Hill
St. Michael
Tel. No. (246) 429-7234
Fax No. (246) 429-8055

Nazarene

Church of the Nazarene
District Office
Eagle Hall
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 425-1067
Fax (246) 435-6486

Mormon

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
West Indies Mission
14 Walkers Terrace
St. George
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 429-1385
Fax No. (246) 435-6486

Spiritual Baptist

Sons of God Apostolic Spiritual Baptist Church
Jerusalem Apostolic Cathedral
Ealing Grove
Christ Church
Tel. (246) 428-8738

Emmanuel Baptist

Baptist Churches of Barbados
Emmanuel Baptist Church
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 426-2697
Email: emmbaptc@caribsurf.com

Ethiopian Orthodox

Ethiopian Orthodox Church
Long Gap
Opposite 3rd Ave. Spooners Hill
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 424-4380

Moravian

The Moravian Church
Calvary Office, Roebuck Street
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 426-2337
Fax No. (246) 228-4381
Fax No. (246) 228-6957
Email: calvarymoravian@sunbeach.net

Jehovah's Witness

Jehovah's Witness
Fontabelle
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 437-8710

Wesleyan

Wesleyan Holiness Church
District Headquarters
Whitepark Road
St. Michael

Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 429-3692
Fax No. (246) 429-3692
Email: w.h.bdist@caribsurf.com

Evangelical

Calvary Evangelical Church
#58 Rowans Park East
St. George
Barbados
Tel: (246) 228 - 0510
E-mail: nlt_taylor@hotmail.com
nlt_taylor@yahoo.com

United Holy Church of America
Mount Olive
Carrington's Village
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 427-3768
Fax No. (246) 424-1531

Islamic

Barbados Muslim Association
#28 Maxwell Terrace
Christ Church
Tel. (246) 428-4212/ (246) 427-2233/ (246) 233-2074
Fax. (246) 420-2230
E-mail: islambarb@hotmail.com

Bahai

National Spiritual Assembly of Bahais
2nd Avenue
Belleville
St. Michael
Tel. 429-9424

New Testament Church of God
River Road
St. Michael
Barbados

Tel. No. (246) 426-1359
Fax No. (246) 228-4381
(246) 427-9862
Email: ntcog-merc@sunbeach.net

Worldwide Church of God
#6 Ealing Grove
Christ Church
Barbados
Tel. Nos. (246) 418-0760
Fax No. (246) 418-0732

Truth for the Final Generation Church
Bailey Hill
Redman Village
St. Thomas
Tel.: (246) 421-7297
Email: truth@sunbeach.net

Apostolic Church
London Road Temple
Brittons Hill
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 436-7121
Fax : (246) 421-7790

Berean Bible Church
Passage Road
President Kennedy Drive
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 426-4707
Fax No. (246) 426-0815

General Assembly of Church of God
Chapman Street
Bridgetown
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 426-5327

Love Gospel Assembly
Beulah Corner

St. Philip
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 423- 7936
Fax (246) 423-7936
Email: evan.goddard@blpc.com.bb

Ebenezer Revival Centre
1st Ave. Whitehall Tenantry Road
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 424-3043

Restoration Ministries
Layne's Road
Brittons Hill
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 436-8398
Fax No. (246)436-8398
Email: restoration@sunbeach.net

People's Cathedral
Bishop's Court Hill
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246)429-2145
Fax No. (246)429-4707
Email: tpc@sunbeach.net

Revival Time Assembly
Maxwell Great House
Maxwell Hill
Christ Church
Barbados
Tel. No.: (246) 424-3043

United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God
Bridge Gap
Goodland
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 425-6825
Fax: (246) 425-6825

The Abundant Life Assembly
Bank Hill House
Bank Hall
St. Michael
Barbados
Tel. No. (246) 427-9166
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