

Minister/Officiant Information



Registry

No registration is required to perform marriage ceremonies in Washington State.

Those Qualified to Perform a Ceremony

Marriage statutes specify that a qualifying officiant be any regularly licensed or ordained minister or any priest, imam, rabbi, or similar official of any religious organization.

Additionally, judges as defined in [RCW 26.04.050](#).

The Auditor's Office does not review minister qualifications when recording the marriage certificate. Those wanting to verify the validity of their credentials are advised to seek advice from a legal professional.

Return of Certificate:

The completed and signed marriage certificate is expected to be returned within 30 days of the ceremony. Please use the return envelope included in the license packet, and ensure that the other, smaller, envelope (pre-addressed to the couple) accompanies the return of the marriage certificate.

Completion Guide for the Commemorative License

M Spouse Name _____ of City of Residence _____ of State of Residence
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were by me united in

Holy Matrimony

according to the ordinance of GOD and the laws of _____ Washington

at City of Ceremony _____ *on the* Day _____ *day of* Month _____ Year _____

Witness

Officiant

Witness

Officiant Address

Chelan County Commemorative Marriage Certificate