

# Alabama Marriage Officiant Guide

**Marriage Officiants:** Any licensed minister of the gospel in regular communion with the Christian church or society of which he or she is a member, including those not residing in Alabama, may perform marriage ceremonies anywhere in the state. Also, marriages may be performed by the pastor of any religious society according to the rules of the religious society. The presiding Officiant must submit the completed certificate of marriage to the issuing judge of probate's office within one month after the ceremony.

## *MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION*

*Much of the information below is state law in Alabama; however, this information can vary from county to county, and is subject to change. We recommend contacting your county clerk's office before applying for your marriage license.*

**ID Requirement:** Valid government issued photo ID, such as driver's license or passport, and Social Security number.

**Residency Requirement:** Neither party to the marriage is required to reside in Alabama.

**If Divorced:** In Alabama, if divorced within previous six months of wedding date, a copy of the Divorce Decree must be presented.

**Fees:** \$28.35 to \$84.50 for marriage license (fee varies depending on county). Most counties do not accept personal checks.

**Other Tests:** No blood tests or other screening is required.

**Under Age 18:** Certified copy of birth certificate required, and both parents must be present with personal identification; or if you have a legal guardian, the guardian must be present with a court order and identification. If one or both parents are deceased, proper evidence of such must be provided.

**Waiting Period:** No waiting period.

**Same-Gender Marriage:** Permitted following U.S. Supreme Court decision of 26 June 2015.

**Valid:** An Alabama marriage license is valid for thirty days, and may only be solemnized in the state. It must be completed and returned to the issuing Probate Court within thirty days following the ceremony.



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*The above information is believed to be correct, but does not purport to be legal advice, is not all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. Under the terms specified in your ordination, you are solely responsible for becoming familiar with and complying to all current laws and regulations in effect within the jurisdiction in which you will conduct ceremonies.*