

Wedding Requirements

Prior Arrangements

The laws of Barbados eliminate advance notice requirement allowing a marriage ceremony to take place as soon as a license is obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Before visiting the Ministry of Home Affairs the following requirements should be met: -

- ❖ A Marriage Officer (i.e. a Magistrate or Minister of Religion authorized to perform marriage ceremonies in Barbados) should consent to performing the ceremony.
- ❖ The Marriage Officer consenting to perform the ceremony should issue a letter to be presented at the time of filing the application for Marriage License.
- ❖ A non-resident Minister of Religion, who is requested to solemnize a marriage in Barbados, may be appointed as a temporary Marriage Officer in Barbados. The following documents should be presented to the Registration Department in order to effect this temporary status: -
 - Ordination Certificate
 - Letter from the Head of the Church certifying the Minister's authority to perform such services.

Obtaining A Marriage license

In order to obtain a marriage license in Barbados, the following requirements should be met. Please note persons under the age of 18 years will require parental consent and parents must be present at the time of obtaining the license:

- ❖ Application must be made by both parties in person at the Ministry of Home Affairs between Monday to Friday - 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Offices are closed on public holidays
- ❖ One of the following documents should be presented, verifying identity: -
 - ❖ Valid Passport
 - ❖ **Original** Birth Certificate
 - ❖ **Certified copy** of birth certificate
 - ❖ Identification card
- ❖ If married before and widowed, **certified copies** of the marriage **and** death certificates.
- ❖ If divorced, the **original Decree Absolute** or a certified copy of the Final Judgment. **Please note, the Decree Nisi is not accepted.**

Note:

All documents presented to the Ministry of Home Affairs in a language other than English, must be accompanied by a translation certified by an authorized **Notary Public - NOT A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

Fees

Wedding Fee (Hotel)	Setup for Outdoor Ceremonies US\$25 per person Please note setup for outdoor receptions will vary according to number of persons
Marriage License	Non Residents – US\$100 + US\$25 US Stamp Duty Citizens/Residents US\$45 + US\$10 Stamp Duty
Marriage Certificate	Nationals/Residents – US\$5 Non-nationals/Non-residents – US\$10
Minister's Fee	US\$250

Prices quoted are inclusive of taxes