

Getting a Marriage Certificate

What is the difference between the Record of Marriage and a Marriage Certificate?

You will receive a Record of Marriage immediately after your wedding from your wedding officiant. This is a small tear-off part of the Marriage License that you, your witnesses, and your officiant will sign during the wedding ceremony. This is not an official government document. To receive your government issued Marriage Certificate you will need to apply to the Government of Ontario.

Why should I get a Marriage Certificate?

A Marriage Certificate will be needed to change your name on many official pieces of identification, i.e. Social Insurance Number, Drivers License.

When can I apply for a Marriage Certificate?

Once your marriage has been registered (approximately 6-8 weeks after your wedding), you may apply for a Marriage Certificate (www.gov.on.ca).

How do I Register our marriage?

You don't! We at Richview Baptist Church will forward the Marriage License to the Office of the Registrar General to complete the marriage registration. Registration normally takes 6-8 weeks to complete.