

**REMINDER TO THOSE WHO PLAN TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE IN
OHIO**

Who may solemnize marriages in Ohio?

Pursuant to R.C. 3101.08 an ordained or licensed minister of any religious society or congregation within this state who is licensed to solemnize marriages, a judge of a county court, a judge of a municipal court, a probate judge, the mayor of a municipal corporation anywhere within this state, the superintendent of the state school for the deaf, or any religious society in conformity with the rules of its church, may solemnize a marriage.

Licensure is granted by the Ohio Secretary of State. If you are not licensed, please contact the Ohio Secretary of State at 614-466-8770 to obtain your license before you perform the marriage.

How long do I have to return the Marriage Certificate after I perform the ceremony?

Pursuant to R.C. 3101.13 a Marriage Certificate shall be transmitted by the authorized person solemnizing the marriage, within (30) thirty days after the solemnization, to the probate judge of the county in which the marriage license was issued. As noted on the Marriage Certificate, unless the person solemnizing the marriage returns a certificate to the Probate Court within thirty (30) days after performing the ceremony, the person is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and on conviction thereof may be punished by a fine of \$50. A self-addressed return envelope is provided by the Court with the Marriage License.