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RELIGIOUS OFFICIAL
INSTRUCTIONS FOR A PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
OF PERMISSION TO PERFORM MARRIAGES
(For Applicant who resides within Nye County)

**PLEASE NOTE: IT IS UNLAWFUL TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES
BEFORE YOU OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PERMISSION**

The following documents are required when applying for authorization:

- 1. Application for a Certificate of Permission to Perform Marriages in the State of Nevada** (Must be signed before a Notary Public or Deputy County Clerk)
- 2. Affidavit of Authority to Solemnize Marriages** (must be signed by someone in your church or religious organization that has authority to speak on behalf of your church or religious organization and can verify that you are in good standing within that church or religious organization. This cannot be signed by the applicant.)
- 3. Photo Identification** (i.e. Driver's License, Passport, etc.)
- 4. Provide documentation the church or religious organization is established in the State of Nevada** (A certification of Good Standing or current documentation of existence **MUST** be provided. Examples of establishment: Sole Proprietor, Non-Profit, Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Articles of Incorporation that have been filed with the Secretary of State, Business License)
- 5. Release and Authorization for Background Investigation**
- 6. Application Fee of \$25.00** (Payable to Nye County Clerk, cash, cashier's check or money order. This fee is non-refundable)

Please Note: All paperwork should be returned to this office at one of the addresses listed below. (Do NOT return the instruction sheet.) Item No. 5, will be forwarded to the Nye County Sheriff's Office for the background check. The background check will be completed within approximately 7 business days and the report will be forwarded to the Nye County Clerk. Upon receipt of the background check report, the County Clerk will review all documents. If everything is in order, the Certificate of Permission to Perform Marriages should be completed within 5 – 7 business days after receipt of the background check report.

Mail to: Nye County Clerk
P.O. Box 1031
Tonopah, NV 89049

Or submit in person to our office in Pahrump or Tonopah:

Nye County Clerk
1520 East Basin Ave.
Pahrump, NV 89060

Nye County Clerk
101 Radar Road
Tonopah, NV 89049

If approved, the Certificate will be mailed to **the residence address listed on the application**, along with an Information Sheet for Officiant which provides information on completing the marriage certificate. If you would like to arrange to pick up the Certificate or to have it mailed to a different address, please include the instructions with the application paperwork. The Certificate cannot be sent via express mail unless a self-addressed, pre-paid express mail envelope is enclosed.

If the application is not approved, you will receive a letter explaining why it was not granted.

Normal processing time for applications **after receipt of background check report** is 5 - 7 business days. **PLEASE ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PROCESSING IF YOU ARE TO SOLEMNIZE A WEDDING IN THE NEAR FUTURE (sending paperwork 3 to 4 weeks in advance is recommended).**

Paperwork must be filled out completely and properly signed and notarized. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK SPACES. PAPERWORK THAT IS INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT WILL DELAY THE PROCESS AND/OR MAY RESULT IN THE CERTIFICATE BEING DENIED.**

I hereby certify by my signature below that my ministry is one of service to my church or religious organization or if retired, that my active ministry was of such nature. Further, I hereby acknowledge that I am subject to the jurisdiction of the Nye County Clerk with respect to the provisions of NRS 122 governing the conduct of ministers or other religious official authorized to perform a marriage.

Signature of Applicant

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF NYE)

_____, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

That ___he is the Applicant in the foregoing *Application for a Certificate of Permission to Perform Marriages in the State of Nevada*; that ___he has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of his/her own knowledge, except for such matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters ___he believes them to be true.

Signature of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO (OR AFFIRMED) BEFORE ME

this _____ day of _____, 20____.

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC OR DEPUTY CLERK
(Affix County Seal or Notary Stamp)

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