

Civil Union License FAQ's

Civil Union licenses are available from the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder's office located in Bodo at 679 Turner Drive Ste C Durango, CO 81303 Monday through Friday 7:30 am- 4:00pm.

How do I obtain a civil union license?

To receive a license you both need to come into the Clerk's office and fill out an application. You will need to provide United States government issued identification, such as a valid driver's license or Passport and you will need to know your social security numbers. You will also need to know what state both sets of parents currently reside and both mothers' maiden names.

Is there a waiting period?

No. There is no mandatory waiting period between obtaining the license and getting certified. The civil union license will be issued to you the same day you fill out the application. It is a first come, first serve basis.

If my partner is unable to make it into the office, can I still obtain a license?

Yes. Please contact the Clerk's office (970) 382-6281 or 382-6283 and ask for an *Absentee Affidavit Application* for a Civil Union License or click the link below. The affidavit must be completed by the individual who cannot come into the office. This form must be notarized and must be accompanied by a copy of the absent individuals identification and social security card. The present party will submit this information when applying for a civil union license.

[Absentee Affidavit](#)

If my partner or I do not have a social security number, can we still obtain a license?

Yes. You must complete an *Affidavit of no Social Security Number*. This document must be notarized and must accompany the individual when applying for a civil union license. You can pick up this form at the Clerk's office or click the link below. You must be able to provide valid United States government issued identification, such as a driver's license along with this *Affidavit*.

Note: If you are a non citizen with a Passport you do NOT need this affidavit to apply for a marriage license. Your Passport is the only identification needed.

[No Social Security Number Affidavit](#)

If I am under age 18, can I still get a civil union license?

No pursuant to C.R.S. 14-15-106.

If I am under guardianship, can I still get a civil union license?

Yes. However, pursuant to C.R.S. 14-15-106, you must first provide a parental/guardian consent form. You can pick this form up at the Clerk's office or click on the link below.

[Civil Union Consent Form](#)

How much is a civil union?

A civil union license is \$30.00 cash or check.

Can I request a certified copy of my civil union license?

Yes. Once your civil union license is recorded, you may request a certified copy. The cost of a hand delivered certified copy is \$1.25 per copy. If you are requesting a certified copy by mail the cost is \$6.25

per certified copy. If requesting over the phone and paying by credit card the cost is \$6.39 for the first copy and \$1.25 per additional copy (additional surcharge fees do apply).

Is a blood test required to get a civil union in Colorado?

No. Blood tests are not required in the state of Colorado.

When is the earliest I can come in to obtain a license?

You must use the license within 35 days after it is issued. So if you are getting certified June 5th than you want to come in no earlier than May 1st.

Can I get a civil union license in Colorado and get certified in another state?

No. You must obtain a license in the state you plan to certify. Civil Union licenses issued through this office can *only* be used in the state of Colorado.

If I have been previously married/certified , what information is required?

You will need to know the state your divorce/dissolution took place in as wells as the date (DD/MM/YEAR) your divorce/dissolution was finalized. Also, you will need to know the name of your previous spouse/partner. You do not need to provide your divorce/dissolution papers.

How do we actually “get certified”?

There are three ways to get certified in this state:

Judge or a Magistrate (970) 247-2304. You will need to make your own arrangements.

A person of the cloth such as a Deacon, Minister, Priest, etc. You will need to make your own arrangements.

Self certification- You can perform the ceremony yourselves by signing the civil union license as the officiant as well as the parties to the civil union.