



**APPLICATION FOR GENEALOGICAL  
 SEARCH OF MARITAL RECORDS**

MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: AFS#
NOTE: Please PRINT your name, address and identifying information clearly. This portion will be used when mailing your service or correspondence.		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY, PROVINCE/STATE, COUNTRY		POSTAL CODE
HOME NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE)	WORK NUMBER (INCLUDING AREA CODE)	E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Upon acceptance of your application, a search of all British Columbia marriage records created after your 15th birthday will be undertaken. The results of this search will be provided to you in certificate form.

It is important that you understand that the Vital Statistics Agency only maintains records of events that take place in British Columbia. Each province of Canada maintains its own records.

**Complete the following information in full:**

<b>BIRTH</b>	BIRTH DETAILS	SURNAME & SEX <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female</span>		
	GIVEN NAMES	First	Middle Names	
	BIRTH PLACE	City	Province/State	Country
	BIRTH DATE	Month (abbreviated)	Day	Year

SEARCH OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MARRIAGE RECORDS - \$50.00  
 (Processing time is approximately 9 working days.)

<p><b>PAYMENT METHOD</b>      SUBMITTED BY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cheque      <input type="checkbox"/> Mail      <input type="checkbox"/> In Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Money Order      <input type="checkbox"/> Mail      <input type="checkbox"/> In Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (complete Credit Card section on the right)</p> <p>Interac/Cash payment may be made in person at one of our four offices. Cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance.  <b>Postdated cheques not accepted.</b></p> <p><b>AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$</b> _____</p>	<p><b>CREDIT CARD</b>      SUBMITTED BY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visa      <input type="checkbox"/> Mail</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard      <input type="checkbox"/> Phone _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Express      <input type="checkbox"/> Fax _____</p> <p>Credit Card number: # _____</p> <p>Card holder name as shown on Credit Card _____</p> <p>Expiry date _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Card holder signature _____</p> <p>NOTE: Certificates may be ordered using a credit card by phone, fax, or mail.        Phone: 250 952-2557 (Victoria &amp; outside of BC) Toll free: 1 888 876-1633 (within BC).        Fax: 250 952-2182        Mailing address: Vital Statistics Agency, Ministry of Health, PO Box 9657 Stn Prov Gov, Victoria, BC, V8W 9P3.        The additional cost of credit card transactions (\$5.95) is collected as a service fee by VitalChek.</p>
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**Eligibility:** Only the individual themselves, or an individual to whom they have provided written consent to apply on their behalf, may make application for a search of marriage records in their name.

YOUR SIGNATURE (written): \_\_\_\_\_

**GENEALOGICAL SEARCH OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, Also Known As  
AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY/FREEDOM TO MARRY/MARITAL STATUS**

Marriages performed abroad are done so in accordance with the laws of that country. Some foreign countries require nonresidents wishing to marry in their country to provide some form of documentation to confirm that they are in fact eligible to marry. The requested documentation may be in the form of an affidavit or certificate issued from the province/state where the individual resides, confirming that the individual is not currently married.

While we cannot confirm one's marital status, our agency provides a service wherein BC marriage records from the individuals reported 15th birthday to the date of application are researched to determine if a record is held. The result of our search of records is provided in certificate form and appears to satisfy such requirements. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that this service is what they require; once completed there is no ability to refund the service fee.

To view a sample of the information provided, visit our web page at: **(to be determined)**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**TO AVOID DELAY**

- ◆ Complete all sections in full.
- ◆ It is against postal regulations to send cash through the mail. Payment in **Canadian funds** should be forwarded by cheque (**Postdated cheques not accepted**), bank draft or money order made **payable to the Minister of Finance**. Credit Card payments are accepted, please complete the Credit Card portion on the front of this form.
- ◆ Be sure your address and telephone number are correct and clear.
- ◆ A service charge of \$20.00 will be levied on all cheques not honoured by the payees financial institution.

**FEES**

Fees as noted for each requested search on the front.

*Fees effective January 02, 1996. All fees subject to change. For a current listing of fees see our website at [www.vs.gov.bc.ca/admin/fees.html](http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/admin/fees.html)*

The information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Vital Statistics Act* (RSBC 1996, c.479, Sec. 37 & 38). The information provided will be used to fulfill the requirements of the *Vital Statistics Act* for the release of marriage information. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, please contact a Vital Statistics Client Service Representative at 250 952-2681, or write to the mailing address given below. This information is protected for unauthorized use and disclosure in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and may be disclosed only in accordance with that Act.

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Victoria BC V8W 9P3

**ENQUIRIES**

Telephone: 250 952-2681 Victoria

**ORDERING BY CREDIT CARD**

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FAX: 250 952-2182

Toll free: 1888-876-1633 (Within BC)

**OR VISIT ONE OF OUR OFFICES**

818 Fort Street  
Victoria BC

101- 1475 Ellis Street  
Kelowna BC  
Telephone: 250 712-7562

250 - 605 Robson Street  
Vancouver BC

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Prince George BC  
Telephone: 250 565-7105

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