

**MARRIAGE OFFICIATOR
INDEFINITE DESIGNATION**

http://www.webercountyutah.gov/clerk_auditor/documents/Indefinite.pdf



This application is for individuals who would like to be designated by the Weber County Clerk/Auditor to officiate marriage ceremonies for the general public without a definite expiration. If you would like to be designated for a specific event, please complete the form: Marriage Officiator Limited Designation. Applicants typically must appear in person with a photo ID to become a Clerk Designee authorized to perform a marriage ceremony.

DESIGNEE INFORMATION

1. _____
Designee's First Name Middle Name Last Name Date of Birth

2. _____ 3. _____
Phone Number Email Address

4. _____
Mailing Address City & State Zip Code

5. Public Contact Information. (Your Name and Public Contact Information will be made publicly available. You must include at least one, and may list all that apply.)

- a. Phone Number: _____
- b. Email Address: _____
- c. Web Address: _____
- d. Language(s): _____ (English is assumed and will be listed unless you state otherwise. Please list all others you can speak.)

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND INTENT

I request to be appointed an official Designee of the Weber County Clerk in order to perform marriage ceremonies in the State of Utah per Utah Code Ann. 17-20-4. I hereby witness and acknowledge that I will abide by the laws of the State of Utah in administering the duties of a Designee and agree to the responsibilities and requirements of a Designee, including:

1. I acknowledge that my appointment as a Designee does not make me an employee of the Weber County Clerk/Auditor's office, nor does it establish an employment or contractor relationship with Weber County.
2. I am 18 years of age or older.
3. I understand that my authority to perform marriage ceremonies extends only within the borders of the State of Utah, and that I am not authorized under Utah State Code to officiate in wedding ceremonies outside of the State of Utah.
4. With a minimum of 5 days' advance notice, minus any personal scheduling conflicts, I agree to perform all marriage ceremonies for any couple that has legally obtained a marriage license within the State of Utah.
5. With advance notice, I agree to be reasonably available to perform wedding ceremonies during the normal business hours of the Weber County Clerk. At my discretion, I may also perform wedding ceremonies outside of the normal business hours of the Clerk's office.
6. I agree to negotiate and manage any compensation for my services. I agree that I will establish a consistent fee schedule for any service I provide as a Designee, and that my fee schedule will not discriminate or provide preferential pricing on the basis of any characteristic protected under law.

7. I understand and agree to abide by Utah State Code governing marriage, including the following provisions:
 - a. I will perform marriage ceremonies for which a legal marriage license has been issued in the State of Utah. I will not refuse to officiate a marriage ceremony on the basis of any characteristic protected under law.
 - b. A marriage license is only valid within thirty (30) days of issuance. After thirty (30) days, the license must be returned and reissued.
 - c. A ceremony must have two witnesses (18 years of age or older) that are present to attest to the marriage. These witnesses must be someone other than the officiator and the couple, and must sign the license.
 - d. I will ensure that the official marriage license is filled out accurately and completely, including all necessary signatures. I will enter my "title as officiator" on the marriage license as Clerk Designee.
 - e. I will return the official license to the Weber County Clerk's office within thirty (30) days of the ceremony. Failure to do so may result in my being charged with a misdemeanor under Utah Code Ann. 30-1-11.
8. I will provide a marriage ceremony that affords each party the opportunity to affirm their willingness to enter into a marriage commitment. Note that the couple may provide their own wording, as long as it includes a statement of their voluntary entry into a marriage commitment with their spouse. A sample of such wording is as follows:

DESIGNEE: (Spouse 1), do you take (Spouse 2) to be your lawfully wedded (husband/wife/spouse)?

SPOUSE 1: (Required to answer in the affirmative.)

DESIGNEE: (Spouse 2), do you take (Spouse 1) to be your lawfully wedded (husband/wife/spouse)?

SPOUSE 2: (Required to answer in the affirmative.)

DESIGNEE: By virtue of the authority vested in me through the laws of the State of Utah, I now pronounce you (Spouse 1) and (Spouse 2) legally married.

9. I agree and promise to indemnify and hold harmless Weber County, its officers, agents, officials, employees, and volunteers, and release them for and from any liability, costs or expenses arising from any action, causes of action, claims for relief, demands, damages, expenses, costs, fees, or compensation, whether or not said actions, causes of action, claims for relief, demands, damages, costs, fees, expenses and/or compensations are known or unknown, are in law or equity, and without limitation, all claims of relief which can be set forth through a complaint or otherwise that may arise out of the acts or omissions, negligent or otherwise of the Designee, or marriage parties.
10. I acknowledge that my appointment as Designee may be terminated at any time by either party for no cause with 30 days written notice, or at any time for any material breach of this agreement by either party.
11. I agree to notify the Weber County Clerk/Auditor's office of any change in contact information during my term as a Designee.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

DESIGNATION BY THE WEBER COUNTY CLERK/AUDITOR

As granted in Utah Code Ann. 17-20-4, the Weber County Clerk/Auditor hereby names and appoints

_____ as an official Designee to perform marriages in accordance with Utah State Code. The authority to act as my Designee is indefinite and perpetual, until rescinded by the Weber County Clerk/Auditor, or until the resignation of the Designee.

County Clerk

Clerk Signature

Deputy Clerk

Date