

Marriage Packet



Civil

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MARRIAGE GUIDE

This guide is for informational purposes only and the accuracy of this information is not guaranteed. This information is not legal advice and is not a substitute for legal advice. Court Clerks cannot give you legal advice.

Who can marry under Puyallup Tribal law?

A couple can marry under Puyallup Tribal law if:

- At least one person is a member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
- Both persons are unmarried.
- Both persons are the age of consent or any persons under the age of consent have written consent to marry as set forth under Puyallup Tribal law. PTC 7.08.060(c).
- Both persons are mentally competent and not under the influence of drugs (whether legal or illegal) or alcohol.

How do we get married under Puyallup Tribal law?

Step 1: Apply for a marriage license.

Step 2: Get your marriage license.

Step 3: Hold a marriage ceremony *on the reservation* within sixty (60) days of the marriage license being issued. Complete the certificates of marriage at the ceremony.

Step 4: Return the certificates of marriage to the Court Clerk's Office for filing within five (5) days of the ceremony.

How do we apply for a marriage license?

- Pay a \$30.00 non-refundable fee at the time of application.
- Provide proof of identification at the time of application. (Enrollment card if Puyallup; State or Federally issued identification if non-Puyallup)
- Submit an application to the Court Clerk's Office. *There can be no blanks on your application.*
 - Application for Marriage License (Required)
 - Copies of Tribal Enrollment Card or Federally issued Identification Card (Required)
 - Consent Form to satisfy PTC 7.08.060(c) (Required if applicable)

What happens after we apply?

If you meet the requirements for a license, the Court Clerk will prepare your marriage documents. The Court Clerk will provide you with these documents in the following manner:

- Private Ceremony on Reservation (off-site):
 - The Court Clerk will send you via mail: one (1) Marriage License, two (2) Puyallup Tribal Certificates of Marriage, and one (1) Washington State Certificate of Marriage.
 - You must complete relevant portions of all three (3) certificates at the ceremony.
 - You must return all three (3) completed certificates to the Court Clerk's Office within five (5) days of the ceremony.

- Civil Ceremony (at the Tribal Court):
 - The Court Clerk will send you via mail a copy of your marriage license.
 - The Court will hold all other documents to prepare for you at the Civil Ceremony.

What happens after the ceremony?

You must return the certificates of marriage to the Court Clerk’s Office for processing within five (5) days of the ceremony.

- Puyallup Tribal Certificate of Marriage:
 - Both originals will be signed, dated, and numbered by the Court Clerk.
 - The Court Clerk will also forward the license to Tribal Council for signature.
 - Once these documents are complete, one original will be mailed to you, and the other will be placed in the Court’s records.
- Washington State Certificate of Marriage:
 - The original will be sent to the Washington State Department of Health Center for Vital Statistics for registration in Washington.
 - A copy of the original will be placed in the Court’s records.

What happens if the ceremony is not held on the reservation?

If you do not hold your wedding ceremony *on the reservation*, then you are not eligible for a marriage license from the Puyallup Tribe and should make other arrangements.

How do I change my name?

- If you want to change your name, you must sign all *license application materials* using your current, legal name. At the ceremony, sign the *marriage certificates* using the married name you wish to take.
- After your marriage is registered with the state, then request certified copies of your marriage certificate. More information on ordering certificates is available at <https://www.doh.wa.gov>.
- The Court is not responsible for name changes with agencies. Each agency might have different requirements. You will need to contact each agency and follow their procedure for changing your name. Agencies include, but are not limited to:

LEGAL	WORK/SCHOOL	FINANCIAL	PERSONAL/MEDICAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> BIA <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card <input type="checkbox"/> Driver’s License <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Registration & Title <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Employer (W-2, Badge, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Your or your child(ren)’s School(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Day care	<input type="checkbox"/> Banks & Financial Institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage/Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Property tax <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Creditors <input type="checkbox"/> IRS	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctors <input type="checkbox"/> Dentists <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacies <input type="checkbox"/> Passport <input type="checkbox"/> US Postal Service <input type="checkbox"/> Memberships & Subscriptions <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail/online accounts

**IN THE COURTS OF THE PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS
FOR THE PUYALLUP INDIAN RESERVATION
TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

In re:

_____ *Full Name(s) of minor child(ren) or vulnerable Tribal adult*

_____ *DOB(s) of minor child(ren) or vulnerable Tribal adult*

_____ Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s),

v.

_____ Defendant(s)/Respondent(s).

Case No(s). _____

STATEMENT OF ADDRESS

INSTRUCTIONS:

You must file a Statement of Address for each case you are a party to.

- If you are a party to multiple cases *with the same other parties*, then you may list all case numbers in the caption above.
- If you are a party to multiple cases *with different other parties*, then you must file a separate Statement of Address in each case.
- If it is your intent to update your address for all pending matters that you are a party to, then please contact the Court to ensure your Statement of Address is complete for this purpose.

COMES NOW _____ and, in this matter, I am (we are) the
Full Name(s)

Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s) Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) _____
Party Type

1. Court Record.

- For genuine safety concerns, I request my home address and contact information be confidential from the other party(ies) and/or the public to protect my and/or my child(ren)'s or ward's health, safety, or liberty. By checking this box I understand that my address will not become part of the Court record, but will be for Court use only.
- My address is not confidential. By checking this box I understand that my address will become part of the Court record and that other parties and individuals involved will have access to my address and contact information.

Case No. _____

STATEMENT OF ADDRESS

2. The address where I agree to accept legal papers for this matter is:

Street Address or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

3. (**Optional**) I also agree to accept legal papers for this matter at the following email address: _____

4. My contact phone number(s) is(are) (**check preferred**):

_____ _____ _____

Home

Cell

Work

Co-Party: _____ _____ _____

(if any)

Home

Cell

Work

5. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the Court of any address or contact information changes while this case is open. I understand that if my address or contact information changes, then I must submit to this Court a new *Statement of Address* form with accompanying proof of service to all parties (*if applicable*).

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, that the foregoing statement and any attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Puyallup Tribal Code § 5.12.1180.

Party Signature

Date

/s/

Print Name – Party Electronic Signature

Attorney/Advocate Bar No. (if applicable)

Co-Party Signature (if any)

Date

/s/

Print Name – Party Electronic Signature

Attorney/Advocate Bar No. (if applicable)

Case No. _____

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APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE if neither party is a Puyallup Tribal member, then you are not eligible for a marriage license from the Puyallup Tribe and should make other arrangements.

PERSON 1 Bride Groom Spouse

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

BIRTH NAME: _____

GENDER: Female Male Other: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ Minor/Under Guardianship

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ COUNTY: _____ STATE: _____

PHONE: _____ PTOI ENROLLMENT #: _____

A copy of my Tribal Enrollment Card Federally issued Identification Card is *attached*.

Marital Status: Single Widowed Divorced

FATHER'S FULL BIRTH NAME: _____

FATHER'S BIRTH STATE: _____

MOTHER'S FULL BIRTH NAME: _____

MOTHER'S BIRTH STATE: _____

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows: That I am eighteen (18) years of age or older, or if not, have parental, guardian, or court waiver as documented on the *attached* Consent Form; that if I am afflicted with any contagious sexually transmitted disease, the condition is known to the other applicant; and further, that I am not related to the other applicant. I understand this marriage license is not valid for three (3) days from the date the application is filed and is void if the marriage is not solemnized within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the license. I further understand that the marriage must be solemnized within the exterior boundaries of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Reservation.

**** DO NOT SIGN UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE NOTARY PUBLIC ****

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, that the foregoing statement and any attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Puyallup Tribal Code § 5.12.1180.

Party Signature

Attorney/Advocate Bar No. (if applicable)

/s/ _____
Print Name – Party Electronic Signature

Date

Signed and sworn to before me on _____, by _____.

Date

Affiant

Notary _____

Notary Public _____

State of: _____

County of: _____

My commission expires: _____



Case No. _____

Affix stamp or seal

WAIVED

PERSON 2 Bride Groom Spouse

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

BIRTH NAME: _____

GENDER: Female Male Other: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ Minor/Under Guardianship

ADDRESS: _____

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Attorney/Advocate Bar No. (if applicable)

/s/ _____
Print Name – Party Electronic Signature

Date

Signed and sworn to before me on _____, by _____.

Date

Affiant

Notary _____

Notary Public in _____

State of: _____

County of: _____

My commission expires: _____



Affix stamp or seal



CEREMONY INFORMATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE if you do not hold your wedding ceremony *on the reservation*, then you are not eligible for a marriage license from the Puyallup Tribe and should make other arrangements. Further, Puyallup Tribal Court does not provide off-site officiant services. If you plan to host a private ceremony off-site, then you must make alternate officiant arrangements.

Ceremony Type:

- Private Ceremony on Reservation (off-site):
Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____ am/pm
- Civil Ceremony (at the Tribal Court):
Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

Vows:

- We are exchanging rings.
- We have our own vows.

Witnesses:

Witness 1: _____

Witness 2: _____

Post-Ceremony Introduction:

- _____ & _____ _____
- _____ _____ & _____
- _____ _____

Special Requests and/or Additional Information:

Person 1 Signature

Person 2 Signature

FOR COURT USE ONLY

- Fee Received Application Complete IDs Attached Certificates Complete
- Tribal Judge Officiant: _____ Ceremony Date: _____ Time: _____
- Date: _____ Clerk Initials: _____ All Forms Completed and Returned