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**RELIGIOUS OFFICIAL
INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT
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 Temporary Replacement 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. **Written Authorization** from the minister or other church or religious official authorized to perform marriages who you are temporarily replacing stating the period of time temporary replacement is to be effective. The replacement period must not exceed 90 days.
4. **Photo Identification** (i.e. Driver's License, Passport, etc.)
5. **Release and Authorization for Background Investigation**
6. **Application Fee of \$30.00 effective July 1, 2019** (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
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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.**

