

CHECKLIST FOR PREMARITAL EDUCATION WAIVER OF MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE

For marriage license applicants to get their license fee waived for having had premarital education, Applicants must:

- 1) Ask. They may do this by asking or by submitting the (new) form we have (“Applicants’ Request for Waiver of Fee for Marriage License”);
- 2) Provide proof of having completed the premarital education course, which can be done by:
 - a) submitting our (new) form (“Certificate of Completion of Qualifying Pre-Marital Education”), which has been properly filled in and signed by the Aeducator@ (the minister, counselor, whoever, who filled out the form B s/he must have checked one of the lines identifying which profession s/he qualifies under;
or
 - b) submit the “educator’s” own certification, so long as that certification says:
 1. S/he conducted a course of premarital education which included at least 6 hours of instruction on marital issues;
 2. S/he conducted it with both members of the happy couple;
 3. The happy couple successfully completed the course;
 4. When (the date) the course ended (Tip: the end date must be within 12 months of the marriage application);
 5. S/he is either
 - a) a professional counselor, social worker, or marriage and family therapist (licensed pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 10A);
 - b) a psychiatrist (licensed as a physician pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34);
 - c) a psychologist (licensed pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 39);
 - d) an active member of the clergy;
or
 - e) the designee of an active member of the clergy, provided that such designee is trained and skilled in premarital education (which they can say or lay out somehow, but we don=t get to guess or assume).