

Who May Solemnize a Marriage in Idaho?

(Source: Idaho Code 32-303)

(Except for current Federal Judges, no one holding a judgeship outside of Idaho may perform a marriage ceremony in Idaho)

Official Title	Status 1	Status 2
Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court (See Note #1)	Current or retired	
Justice of the Idaho Court of Appeals (See Note #1)	Current or retired	
District Judge of an Idaho District Court (See Note #1)	Current or retired	
Magistrate Judge of an Idaho District Court (See Note #1)	Current or retired	
Governor of the State of Idaho	Current or retired	
A priest or minister of the gospel of any denomination (See Note #2)	Current or retired	
Lieutenant Governor of the State of Idaho	→	current only
Mayor of a city in Idaho (See Note #3)	→	current only
Federal Judge	→	current only
Tribal Judge (See Note #4)	→	current only
Other Tribal Official approved by an official act of an Idaho Indian Tribe (See Note #5)		

Note #1: To be considered a retired justice of these courts, the person shall have served in one of these offices, and shall be receiving a retirement benefit from either the judge's retirement system or the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho.

Note #2: A priest or minister of the gospel is not required to be a resident of Idaho or to be affiliated with an Idaho congregation. Retired clergy may perform marriages if they are still authorized by their sanctioning organization to perform marriages.

Note #3: Ceremonies solemnized by the Mayor of an Idaho city may be conducted anywhere in Idaho. Acting mayors may only perform a marriage if the office itself is vacant.

Note #4: Ceremonies solemnized by a Tribal Judge may be conducted anywhere in Idaho.

Note #5: Other tribal members may be authorized by the Tribe to perform marriages. The ceremony may be conducted anywhere in Idaho.

Please contact the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for further assistance at (208)334-5980