



Procedures for marriage in Moskenes

1. Legal basis

These procedures are based on the [Marriage Act](#), [regulations on notification and registration of marriages](#), [regulations on municipal marriages](#) and circular Q-11/2017 from the Ministry of Children and Equality.

2. Marriage authority

The mayor, deputy mayor and the chief municipal executive have the authority to marry.

3. Who can be married in Moskenes municipality

The municipality offers marriage ceremonies to anyone who can present a valid certificate of no impediment to marriage.

4. Preparation for the wedding

A valid certificate of no impediment to marriage must be available at the time of marriage. This is issued by the national registration authorities.

(See [The road to marriage - step by step](#))

5. Place and time of marriage

Before you can get married, you must inquire the municipality in writing requesting a time and place for the marriage ceremony.

The ceremony should preferably take place during the municipality's normal working hours, but other times can be arranged upon request.

The municipal council hall will generally be the venue for municipal ceremonies. The venue can accommodate anything from small group up to 20 people. If you want the ceremony to take place elsewhere, these arrangements must also be agreed with the wedding official in advance. The wedding official reserves the right to approve the ceremony venue. Other venue preferences must be sent to the municipality well in advance of the wedding.

6. Framework for the marriage ceremony

Arrangements will be made for the wedding to have a ceremonial character. The procedure for a civil marriage will be used for civil marriages.

The ceremony can last up to 30 minutes.

The couple must agree in advance on whether the ceremony should be led in Norwegian or English. For other languages, you must provide a qualified interpreter yourselves.

The persons to be married must each have a witness present during the ceremony. The witnesses must be of full age and legal capacity, and it is your own responsibility to ensure that witnesses are present.

If the ceremony will include an artistic performance, this must be agreed with the wedding official in advance, and take place within the set time frame. Decorations, music or other artistic performances during the wedding ceremony, must be organized by the persons to be married.

The wedding official can, if they think there is reason to doubt whether a condition for entering into a valid marriage has been met, postpone the wedding, and instruct the couple to provide evidence that the condition has been met.

7. Costs related to the ceremony

Moskenes municipality does not charge residents of Moskenes for marriage ceremonies within working hours. For others, a fee of NOK 2,500 applies.

The couple must cover the costs for decorations, music, and other artistic performances. The same applies to costs for interpreters.

The municipality must inform the couple in writing about the costs involved well in advance of the wedding.

8. Procedures for conducting marriage ceremonies

The chief municipal executive has been given the authority to determine procedures marriage ceremonies in Moskenes municipality.

9. Information about marriage ceremony procedures

Procedures for marriage ceremonies in Moskenes municipality are announced on the municipality's website.

Applies for the year 2023.