



*State of North Carolina
Department of Correction
Division of Prisons*

Chapter: F
Section: .0300
Title: **Inmate Marriage Requests**
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POLICY & PROCEDURES

.0301 GENERAL

- (a) Inmate marriage requests must be reviewed and approved by the facility head. Both the inmate and the prospective spouse must knowingly and willfully consent to marriage in writing. This written consent will be submitted directly to the facility head.
- (b) When marriage requests are approved, the inmate and the prospective spouse should be allowed to consult with a minister or a religious counselor if they desire.
- (c) Facility chaplains are not required to conduct marriage ceremonies for inmates; however, they may serve as an advisor. Chaplains must follow the dictates of their religious endorsing body or faith tradition regarding sacramental acts such as marriage and pre-marital counseling.
- (d) Facilities will not transport an inmate from the confines of a prison facility for the purpose of obtaining a marriage license. State law addresses the issuance of a marriage license if an applicant for a marriage license is over 18 years of age and is unable to appear in person at the Register of Deeds' office.
- (e) Each facility will have available, at reasonable times, a notary public to notarize an affidavit used in lieu of the absent applicant's personal appearance.

 Oct. 22, 2001
Director of Prisons Date

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