

Civil marriages in Aurland Municipality

As of January 1st, 2018, the Municipality is responsible for civil marriages. In Aurland it is the Mayor and Deputy Mayor who are responsible for the process.

Location of ceremony

The marriage ceremony will be held at Meeting Room 224 at the Municipality Building («Rådhuset») between 08:00 and 15:30 (8am and 3:30pm), and after further agreement with the person overseeing the union. If the wedding couple wishes to get married at another location and time/outside of normal office hours, this may be arranged with the overseer.

Before you can get married

Before you can get married, the Norwegian Tax Administration must ensure that you meet the conditions for getting married. From June 2018 you can apply for this to be checked/confirmed online. The Tax Administration will provide a certificate that confirms that the conditions have been met. This certificate is valid for 4 months. Find more information about this here;

<https://www.skatteetaten.no/en/person/national-registry/marriage-and-cohabitation/marriage/getting-married-in-norway/>

The original certificate, with a stamp and signature, must be sent to Aurland Municipality at least 14 days before the date of the wedding. The address is: Vangen 1, 5745 Aurland.

From June 2018 you may get a digital certificate approved electronically, without signature. This can be forwarded to Aurland Municipality through Altinn. Email: post@aurland.kommune.no

You can send us requests for a civil marriage digitally. We ask that you use this form:

<http://kommune24-7.no/1421/bruker?retur=%2f1421%2f701310&shortname=701310>

In the form we ask for information about the couple, and you may include requests you have for the ceremony.

More about the ceremony itself

The couple, witnesses and guests must arrive around 15 minutes before the ceremony is scheduled to start. Make yourself known at the front desk of Rådhuset. Both parties of the wedding couple will be asked to show valid ID (passport or driver's licence) to confirm identity.

The ceremony itself takes place in room 224. The room will have some basic decorations (see photo for illustration). If the couple have other requests, they can arrange to enter the room earlier (and stay after the ceremony) to decorate/make additions themselves.

In addition to the wedding couple and the person marrying them, there must be two witnesses present during the ceremony. The Municipality can provide witnesses if needed. This must be requested/agreed in advance.

After the (Deputy) Mayor has announced the couple as wed, the marriage book is to be signed by the couple, Mayor and witnesses. The wedding couple will receive a temporary marriage certificate. The original certificate will be sent from the Tax Administration.

If the ceremony is to take place somewhere other than Rådhuset, or outside of office hours, the temporary certificate will be sent after the ceremony. The Municipality cannot provide witnesses if the marriage ceremony is to take place somewhere else (or outside of office hours).

Price

A civil marriage/union is free for anyone living (according to the mandate/Folkeregister) in Aurland Municipality. For visitors, the fee is 500 kroner per ceremony.

As a general rule, ceremonies outside of office hours and at a different location than Rådhuset do not require an extra fee, however the couple are responsible for any cost of transportation for the person marrying them, if any.