

# MINISTER

## Checklist

- Ministers cannot certify themselves with a religious society or congregation.
- Ministers must be licensed to solemnize marriages in Ohio. Contact the Ohio Secretary of State at (614) 466-3910 or (877) 767-3453.
- Marriage licenses remain valid only while the minister continues to serve the religious organization listed. Additional information is available at <http://www.sos.state.oh.us> or by calling (614) 728-9200 or (877) 767-6446.
- Minister licensing laws are found in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 111.16. Information is available at <http://codes.ohio.gov>.

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*For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at [www.ohiosbdc.net](http://www.ohiosbdc.net)  
Also, remember to check Federal, State and local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements.  
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