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# Electronic Marriage Registration System

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# Agenda

- Electronic Marriage Registration System (EMRS)
  - What is the Marriage Feed?
  - Overview and Benefits of using the Marriage Feed
  - Updated Timeline
  - Your Three Options
  - Helion Information
  - Security
  - Paper Record Process
- Quality Assurance of Marriage Records at State
- Question & Answer Session

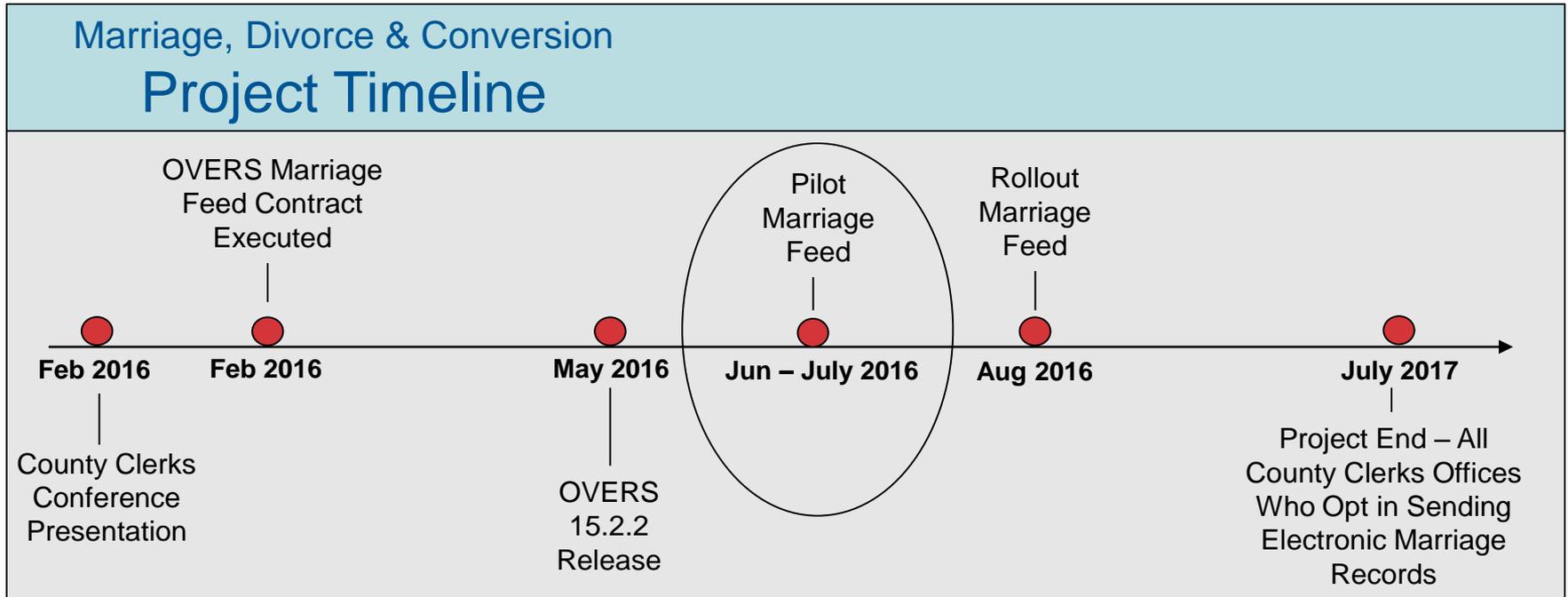
# What is the Marriage Feed?

- A method to securely send the record of marriage data and certificate images from each county's Helion system directly into OVERS as a "Marriage Feed."
- Works with your Helion systems
- Secure
- Voluntary

# Benefits of the Marriage Feed

- Move from paper-based system to electronic
- Timeliness
- Avoids duplicate entry
- Better quality marriage information
- More secure than mail
- Better quality images

# Change in Project Timeline



# What Are Your Options?

# Options

Three options will be offered to counties to send in a marriage record to the state:

1. Paper

2. Electronic option A

- scanned (8 ½ by 11) certificate image

3. Electronic option B

- scanned (8 ½ by 14) certificate image

# Potential Future Option???

# Paper Option

- Send marriage record through the mail



# Electronic Options A & B

## Marriage Feed Minimum Data Requirements:

- Party A and Party B Names
- Party A and Party B Legal Names at Birth
- Party A and Party B Sex
- Party A and Party B Birthplace
- Marriage Licensing County
- **Date of Marriage**
- **County where Marriage occurred**
- *Party A and Party B Race/Ethnicity (confidential item)*
- *Party A and Party B Social Security Number (confidential item)*

# Electronic Option A (8 ½ by 11)

All requested minimum marriage data items (including confidential) are sent through marriage feed the along with the 8 ½ by 11 image of the marriage record

**Minimum Entered Electronic Data Elements (includes confidential)**



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Authority CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS 136

Local/County: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ License effective: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ State Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
**APPLICATION, LICENSE, AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE**

**LOCAL OFFICIAL**

1. Signature of county official: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Date filed by county official: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTY A: Groom (Bride's Spouse)**

3. Party A's legal name: (Last, First, Middle, Suffix) \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Local state ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Sex:  Male  Female  
 7. Date of first lawful marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Date of first lawful marriage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Age (Y or older): \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. Place of birth (Country): \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Electronic Option B (8 1/2 by 14)

All requested minimum marriage data items (except confidential) are sent through marriage feed the along with the 8 1/2 by 14 image of the marriage record

Minimum Entered  
Electronic  
Data  
Elements  
(excludes confidential)



Oregon Health  
Department FOR 428 10 STATISTICS 100

Local Statistician APPLICATION, LICENSE, AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE 010636-0000

Local Statistician: \_\_\_\_\_ License #/ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ License expires (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTY A**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARRIAGE:  Annulment:  Divorce:  Separation: \_\_\_\_\_  
1. Legal name at birth (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Date of birth (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Date of marriage (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Age at time of marriage (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS FROM COUNSEL**  
2. Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Educational attainment (highest level of schooling): \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Other names (first, middle, last) (include maiden name, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Birthplace (state or foreign country): \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Current residence (city, county, zip) (include previous address, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Birthdate (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Address (street and number) (city, county, zip) (include previous address, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Birthdate (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_  
11. Legal name at birth (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Race: \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Date of marriage (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTY B**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARRIAGE:  Annulment:  Divorce:  Separation: \_\_\_\_\_  
16. Legal name at birth (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Date of birth (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Date of marriage (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Age at time of marriage (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS FROM COUNSEL**  
20. Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Educational attainment (highest level of schooling): \_\_\_\_\_  
23. Other names (first, middle, last) (include maiden name, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Birthplace (state or foreign country): \_\_\_\_\_  
25. Current residence (city, county, zip) (include previous address, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Birthdate (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_  
27. Address (street and number) (city, county, zip) (include previous address, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Birthdate (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_  
29. Legal name at birth (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_ 30. Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Race: \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Date of marriage (month, day, year): \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESSES**  
34. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 35. Address (street and number) (city, county, zip) (include previous address, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
36. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 37. Address (street and number) (city, county, zip) (include previous address, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION**  
38. I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am not a party to any other marriage.  
39. Party A Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
40. Party B Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY**  
41. I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am not a party to any other marriage.  
42. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL OFFICIAL**  
43. Signature of County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ 44. Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORIGINS OF REQUIRED STATISTICAL INFORMATION: The information below will not appear on the certified copies of this record.**

45. Party A's Social Security number (group, division, area or extension)	46. Party B's Social Security number (group, division, area or extension)
47. Number of Party A's previous marriages (including this marriage)	48. Number of Party B's previous marriages (including this marriage)
49. Party A's date of birth (month, day, year)	50. Party B's date of birth (month, day, year)
51. Party A's sex	52. Party B's sex
53. Party A's race	54. Party B's race
55. Party A's occupation	56. Party B's occupation
57. Party A's educational attainment (highest level of schooling)	58. Party B's educational attainment (highest level of schooling)
59. Party A's birthplace (state or foreign country)	60. Party B's birthplace (state or foreign country)
61. Party A's current residence (city, county, zip)	62. Party B's current residence (city, county, zip)
63. Party A's legal name at birth (if different from above)	64. Party B's legal name at birth (if different from above)
65. Party A's date of marriage (month, day, year)	66. Party B's date of marriage (month, day, year)
67. Party A's age at time of marriage (month, day, year)	68. Party B's age at time of marriage (month, day, year)

The authorized person performing this marriage is required to return the original copy of this form to the county clerk within five (5) days following the date of the marriage (ORS 428.272). A penalty may be assessed (ORS 428.995).

ORIGINAL VITAL RECORDS COPY 10-1-2016

# Helion Discussion:

- Gathering confidential information
- Keying ceremony information
- Methods for transferring

## Option A: Confidential

- Confidential information is entered by the customer or county staff and included in the state upload
- Data is encrypted in the database and is scheduled for automatic removal after successful transmission

Data is entered by the customer during the application process (online or in-office)

A screenshot of a web form with the following sections:

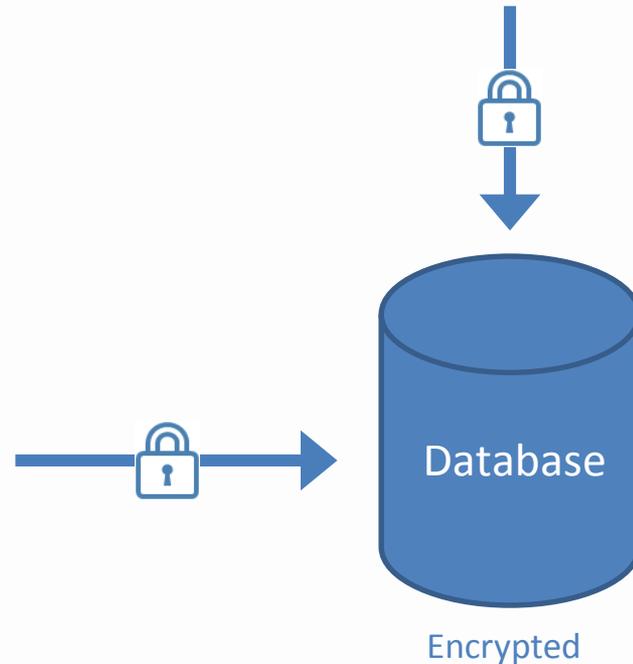
- Personal Info:** SSN (text input), Race (dropdown menu).
- Marital History:** # of Marriage (dropdown menu, with "(if previously married)" below it), Last Marriage Ended (dropdown menu), Ended Date (or month) (text input).
- Education:** Elementary / Secondary (dropdown menu, with "(Specify the highest grade completed)" below it), College (dropdown menu).

Buttons at the bottom: Cancel, << Back, Next >>

or

Data is entered by the county staff when the license is issued

A screenshot of a desktop application window titled "Oregon Required Statistical Information ORS.432.010". It contains a warning: "THE INFORMATION BELOW WILL NOT APPEAR ON CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE RECORD." Below this are two sections for "Spouse 1" and "Spouse 2". Each section has the same fields as the web form: Personal Info (Social Security Number, Race / Ethnicity), Marital History (# of This Marriage, Last Marriage Ended By, Date), and Education (Elementary / Secondary, College). Buttons at the bottom include "Clear Fields", "OK", and "Cancel".



# Option B

- County does not store confidential information
- User scans the full legal-size document
- The letter size portion of the image is auto-cropped and stored in County Clerk records
- The full legal-size image is encrypted for transmittal to the state and later destroyed from County Clerk's database.

**Original Document**

Crop

**Clerk Records**

**Storage for State Transfer**

**Encrypted**

8 1/2 x 14 Document

Review Batch #123  
 Batch Print Edit Scanner Image Help

**Documents**

2016-1

**Enter Marriage Details**

Date of Marriage  
 01/28/2015

**JANUARY 25, 2015**  
 10a. Date of marriage: 1/28/2015  
 31a. I certify that the above named persons were married on the date listed above (30a). Signature of person

City  
 DALLAS

30b. Where married (city, town, or territory):  
 DALLAS

County  
 POLK

DEPUTY  
 30c. Country: POLK OREGON  
 31b. Title

**Certified Copy Requested**

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 101 NE MAIN ST  
 DALLAS, OR 97338  
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Customer Phone #:

Print Certified Copy  Sent to Customer

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**Oregon Health**  
 CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS  
 APPLICATION, LICENSE, AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

Local file number: 2016-1  
 State file number: 136

Counts: Polk License effective on or after: JANUARY 28, 2015 License expires (month, day, year): MARCH 29, 2015

**PARTY A:**  
 1a. Legal name (first, middle, last): JOHN MICHAEL SMITH, JR.  
 1b. Legal name at birth (if different):  
 1c. Previous name (if different):  
 2. Date of birth (month, day, year): MAY 01, 1972  
 3. Birthplace (state or foreign country): OREGON  
 4. Age (if over 16, 17 with consent): 42  
 5. Sex: MALE  
 6. Occupation: CONTRACTOR  
 7. Previous marital status (single, widowed, divorced): SINGLE  
 8. Father's name (first, middle, legal surname prior to first marriage): GEORGE SMITH  
 9a. Mother's name (first, middle, legal surname prior to first marriage): NANCY JOHNSON  
 9b. Birthplace (state or foreign country): NEBRASKA  
 10a. Address: Street and number: 101 NE MAIN ST City or town: DALLAS State/country: OREGON ZIP: 97338 10b. County of residence: POLK  
 11. Legal name taken after marriage (first, middle, last): JOHN MICHAEL SMITH, JR.  
 12. Previous name (if different):  
 13. Birthplace (state or foreign country): OREGON  
 14. Date of birth (month, day, year): SEPTEMBER 17, 1976  
 15. Age (if over 16, 17 with consent): 38  
 16. Sex: FEMALE  
 17. Occupation: SOCIAL WORKER  
 18. Previous marital status (single, widowed, divorced): DIVORCED  
 19a. Father's name (first, middle, legal surname prior to first marriage): LEROY THOMPSON  
 19b. Birthplace (state or foreign country): OREGON  
 20a. Mother's name (first, middle, legal surname prior to first marriage): SANDI KELLER  
 20b. Birthplace (state or foreign country): PENNSYLVANIA  
 21a. Address: Street and number: 621 S FIRST ST City or town: DALLAS State/country: OREGON ZIP: 97338 21b. County of residence: POLK  
 22. Legal name taken after marriage (first, middle, last): SALLY MARIE JONES-SMITH  
 23. Party A - name and address of officiant:  
 24. Party B - name and address of officiant:  
 25. Party A's legal signature: [Signature] Date: 1/28/15  
 26. Party B's legal signature: [Signature] Date: 1/28/15  
 27. Date license issued: JANUARY 25, 2015  
 28. Signature of issuing official: [Signature]  
 29. Title of issuing official: DEPUTY  
 30a. County: POLK 30b. Country: OREGON  
 31a. I certify that the above named persons were married on the date listed above (30a). Signature of person performing ceremony: [Signature]  
 31b. Title: MINISTER  
 31c. Name and address of officiant (priest/pastor/religious official):  
 31d. Name and address of officiant (religious congregation/organization of officiant):  
 32. Witness name (print):  
 33. Witness name (print):  
 34. Signature of county official:  
 35. Date filed by county official (month, day, year): 1/28/2015

When the license is returned and scanned, Batch Scanning will display key elements for quick entry of ceremony information.



# What if the transfer fails?



If a problem occurs when submitting a license to the state, a message will be stored in the system and displayed to the user. In an automated configuration, an email will be sent from the Helion system to the appropriate county staff.



If the state successfully receives the record, but has a concern about the quality of the record, an email will be sent directly from the state to the appropriate county staff.

# Focus Group

# Secure Creation & Transmission of Marriage Feed



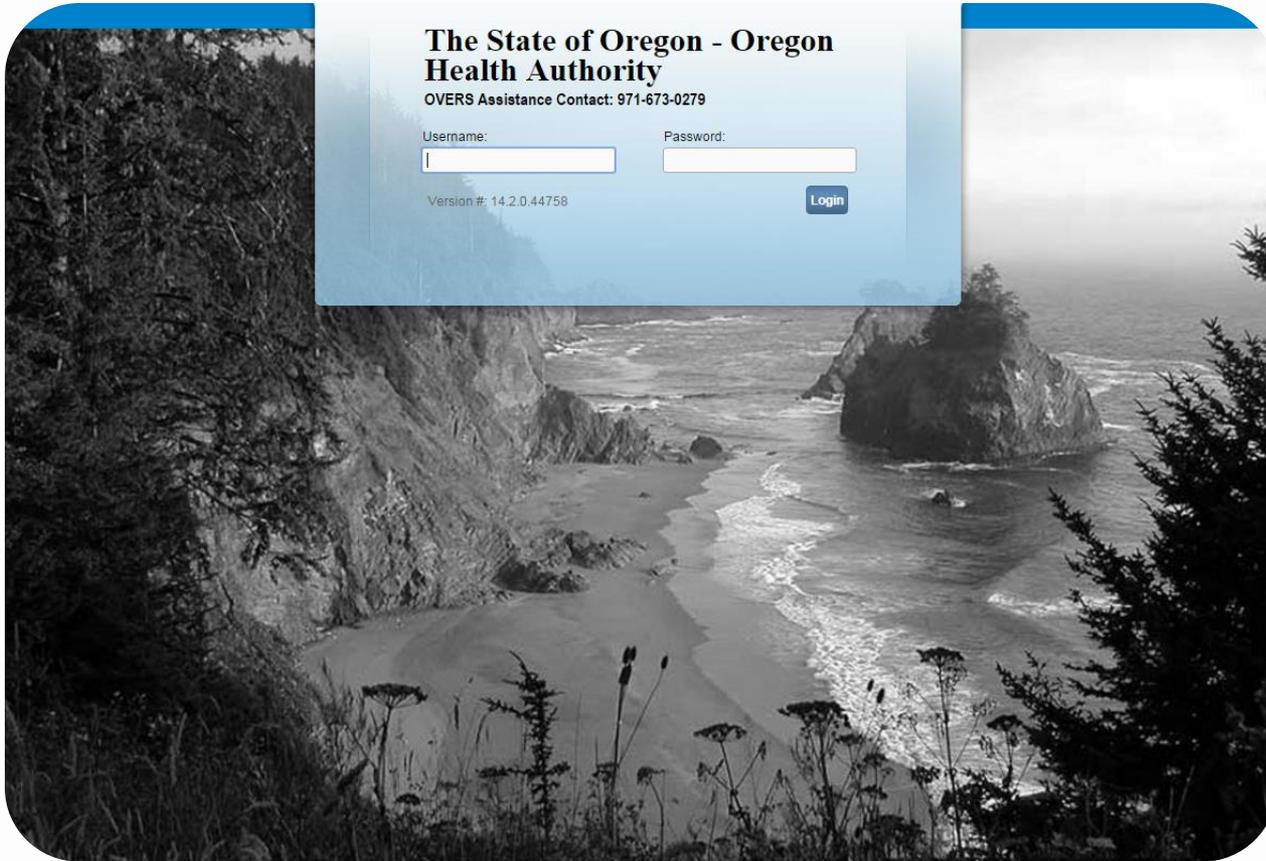








1. Data will be encrypted
2. SSL Package will request to deliver
3. IP Address & Credentials will be checked
4. State firewall will open to accept delivery
5. Correct security keys required to open



# OVERS (Oregon Vital Events Registration System)

Center for Public Health Practice,  
Center for Health Statistics

# What about the Paper? (This year in 2016)

- Every county sends in their paper records for all marriages occurring in 2016, regardless of whether you choose to opt in or out.
- This creates a complete year of records during this transition year.

# What about the Paper? (Next year in 2017)

## EMRS Counties

- Electronic image will be the State's record of marriage under ORS 432.173
- Each county will send paper during their roll-out period to confirm receipt of each record recorded at the County

## Non-EMRS Counties

- Continue to send paper

# Let's Review

- The benefits of EMRS
- Updated Timeline
- Your Three Options
- Paper Process

Any Questions?

# New Topic: State's Review of Marriage Records

# State's review of marriage ending

Effective 2016, State Vital Records office will no longer conduct quality assurance review of marriage records.

# Why is the state no longer reviewing marriage records?

- Records are filed as the marriage record under the county authority.
- State has already reduced what is reviewed on records.
- Quality assurance review showed that 99% records completed.  
1% of the records had missing information – mostly zip code
- Need to focus state staff and resources in other areas to ensure timely and quality registration of all vital records.
- Customers who identify missing information will go to the county to request amendment.

# Project Information

Please check our website for this PowerPoint presentation at <https://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/RegisterVitalRecords/Pages/InstructionsMarriage.aspx>

OR call or email:

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# Questions?

# Thank you!