

Arkansas Assemblies of God Divorce Recognition Process

If you or your spouse have been married and divorced and there is a living ex-spouse, the Assemblies of God has a prerequisite stage before going through the credential process. This process is called the **Divorce Recognition process**. This must be completed and approved at the district and national levels **prior** to starting the credential process. This process will cost \$100.

To help determine if you or your spouse qualify for this process, please read the following information:

Those applicants who have 3 or more divorces on their record will not be considered by the Arkansas District in regard to granting the exceptions listed below.

Does your divorce(s) fit one of these three categories?

Pre-conversion: This means you were never saved at any point in your life prior to your divorce taking place. If there was a conversion experience prior to your divorce, you do not qualify for this exception.

Spousal infidelity: Was the former spouse sexually unfaithful during the marriage? In general, the definition of infidelity in this context has been limited to actual sexual interaction with another person who is not their spouse.

Abandonment of a believer by an unbeliever: Was the applicant a believer at the time of the divorce and the spouse an unbeliever? This application is most commonly used when the husband or wife becomes a follower of Christ and the other partner leaves the marriage because they cannot tolerate the lifestyle change of their spouse brought about by their conversion to Christ.

Domestic Violence: Did the divorce take place due to domestic violence by a spouse to a spouse or a child? This category is for cases that involve violent behavior inflicted on a spouse or child.

Ecclesiastical Annulment: This category is for very rare cases where a marriage took place under fraudulent circumstances.

To be able to pursue credentials with the Assemblies of God, the divorce(s) **must** meet one of the above exceptions.

If your divorce(s) fit one or more of these exceptions, please fill out the attached information form so that we will be able to send you the application packet for divorce recognition. These forms can be filled out and emailed to credentials@araog.org or mailed to the address below.

Arkansas Assemblies of God
10924 Interstate 30
Little Rock, AR 72209
(501) 455-5444

Arkansas Assemblies of God
Divorce Applicant Form

Name _____

Spouse's Name (If applicable) _____

Address _____

City, State zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of times you have been married _____ (include current)
If married, number of times your spouse has been married? _____ (include current)

If more than one previous marriage, please use second page to answer each question for each previous marriage.

Applicant:

1. Did the divorce take place prior to your FIRST salvation? ____ Yes ____ No
 2. Did the divorce take place because your spouse was unfaithful? ____ Yes ____ No
 3. Did the divorce take place because the spouse that left the marriage did not want to be married to a believer? ____ Yes ____ No
 4. Did the divorce take place due to domestic violence? ____ Yes ____ No
 5. Did the marriage take place under fraudulent circumstances which therein caused a divorce? ____ Yes ____ No
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Applicant's spouse

1. Did the divorce take place prior to your FIRST salvation? ____ Yes ____ No

2. Did the divorce take place because your spouse was unfaithful? ____ Yes ____ No
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 4. Did the divorce take place due to domestic violence? ____ Yes ____ No
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Please mark: _____ **Applicant** _____ **Applicant's Spouse**

1. Did the divorce take place prior to your FIRST salvation? ____ Yes ____ No
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