

Marriage Licenses

A marriage license may be obtained at our office from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Please allow 20 minutes to complete the application process.

You do not have to be an Oregon resident to obtain a marriage license. A license may be obtained in any county in Oregon and can be used **only** in the State of Oregon.

Both bride and groom must appear **together in person**. We do not issue marriage licenses through the mail.

Official photo ID showing the date of birth is required.

The fee is \$50.00 payable by cash, money order or cashier's check and is non-refundable. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

The following information is required on the marriage license for both the bride and groom:

- Address
- Date of Birth
- Place of Birth
- Father's Name
- Father's Place of Birth
- Mother's Maiden Name
- Mother's Place of Birth
- If either party has been married before, you will need to know the ending date of that marriage.

The Marriage License Application and Record of Marriage form requires both bride and groom to establish the legal names each will take after their marriage ceremony. There are certain combinations of legal names that can be taken through this process. Please see **Legal Name Information** link for additional information.

Legal age for marriage in the State of Oregon for both bride and groom is 18 years of age. A 17 year old can obtain a license if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who will sign a consent form. Parent and guardian consent forms are available from this office.

There is a 3 day waiting period before a license may be used and it is valid for 60 days after the effective date. For example, if you are issued a license on Monday, you cannot be married until Thursday.

There are no medical examinations or blood tests required.

Oregon law does not allow a marriage license to be issued to parties of the same gender (same-sex partners may register by filing a domestic partnership form) or to first cousins or nearer kin.

A **Marriage License Worksheet** (please see link) can be completed and brought to our office to help expedite the licensing process. The worksheet is not a legal record of marriage. Please do not email it back to our office.

There is no requirement for officiants to register their ordination or ministerial certificate/license prior to performing a ceremony. The only requirement is to properly complete the Marriage License form.

Once the marriage has taken place, the officiant must return the completed marriage license to this office within 10 days of the marriage. Your license becomes a record of marriage once it has been returned and signed by the local official.

An official certified copy of the license can be obtained from the County Clerk for \$7.75. The certified copy is the legal copy to be used by the bride to change her name on her driver's license, social security card, etc.