

MARRIAGE LICENSE FAQ'S

Who may apply for a Marriage License?

Unmarried adults who are eighteen (18) years of age, and not nearer than second cousins.

If both persons to be joined in marriage are the age of seventeen years, they may be joined in marriage only if the Juvenile Court has filed a consent to the marriage pursuant to Section 3101.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Minors

If only one person is the age of seventeen years, that person may be joined in marriage only if both of the following apply:

1. The Juvenile Court has filed a consent to the marriage pursuant to Section 3101.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.
2. The other person to be joined in marriage is not more than four years older.

If either party to the application is the age of seventeen years, the applicants must also receive marriage counseling sufficient to the Probate Court.

The Probate Court cannot issue a license for a minimum of fourteen days after the Juvenile Court files the consent.

Where do I apply for my Marriage License?

If you plan to get married in Ohio, you will apply for the license in the County where either of you reside.

If you live outside Ohio, but plan to get married in Ohio, you will apply for the license in the County where the ceremony will take place.

Who needs to come to Probate Court to make the marriage license application?

Each person seeking a marriage license must personally appear at Probate Court.

What is the fee?

The fee for obtaining a marriage license is \$70, payable in cash, check, or credit card. An additional 3% processing fee will be assessed for all credit card transactions.

How long is a marriage license valid?

A marriage license shall be valid for sixty days from the date of issuance.

What information is required to obtain a Marriage License?

In addition to a valid photo ID, each applicant must supply the Court with his/her current name, Social Security Number, address, age, birth date, place of birth, occupation, the name of his/her

father, the maiden name of his/her mother if known, and the name of the person who is expected to solemnize the marriage.

If either party has been previously married, the parties shall submit the names of the parties to any previous marriage and of any minor children. If either party has been divorced, he/she must provide the Court with the jurisdiction, date, and case number of the divorce, along with a certified copy of the most recent divorce decree. If either applicant is a widow or widower, a copy of the death certificate must be submitted to the Probate Court at the time of application.

Decrees written in a foreign language must be translated into the English language with a certification from the translator that the translation is true and accurate.

All applicants must present documentary proof of age in the form of any one of the following:

1. Copy of birth record;
2. A birth certificate;
3. A baptismal record showing date of birth;
4. A passport;
5. A license or permit to operate a motor vehicle;
6. Any government or school issued identification card showing date of birth;
7. An immigration record showing date of birth;
8. A naturalization record showing date of birth;
9. A court record or other government issued document showing date of birth

Do I need an appointment?

In addition to producing the information and supporting documentation set forth above, applicants must complete an online Marriage License Form found at <https://www.senecajpcourt.com>. Due to the time required to complete this Online Form, applicants must complete the Marriage License Form prior to appearing at Probate Court. Applicants requiring assistance with the online Marriage License Form may contact the Seneca County Probate Court Clerk at 419-447-3121. It is also highly recommended that applicants schedule an appointment with the Probate Court to complete the Marriage License application process to avoid unnecessary wait times. Marriage License applications are processed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. except for all legal holidays.

Is a blood test required?

A blood test is not required.

How long is my marriage license valid after applying with the Probate Court?

You have 60 days from the date that the Probate Court issues the marriage license to solemnize the marriage.

Who may perform a Marriage Ceremony?

An ordained or licensed minister of any religious society or congregation within this state who is licensed to perform marriages and registered with the Ohio Secretary of State, a Judge of a county

court in his/her county, a Judge of a Municipal Court anywhere within Ohio, a Probate Judge in his/her county, the Mayor of a municipal corporation anywhere within Ohio, the superintendent of Ohio deaf and blind services, or any religious society, in conformity with the rules and regulations of its church. To verify that the individual solemnizing your marriage is registered with the Ohio Secretary of State, please visit <https://recordssearch.ohiosos.gov>

How can I get a copy of my Marriage License?

To receive a certified copy of a marriage record, you may purchase a copy from the Probate Court Clerk's Office for \$2 per certified copy or call to have one mailed to you after paying with a credit card over the telephone. You may also obtain a certified copy of a marriage record via mail by sending a check or money order made payable to the Seneca County Probate Court. Please include the names of the applicants and the date of marriage, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Court's address is: Seneca County Probate Court, 103 E. Market St., Tiffin, OH 44883.