

REQUIRMENTS FOR MARRIAGE LICENCE

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Marriage Ceremonies: A marriage ceremony using a marriage license purchased in Louisiana must be performed in Louisiana. A marriage is recorded in the parish where the license was issued.

Relationship: State law prohibits the marriage of persons who are related by blood or adoption within the fourth-degree collateral.

Time Requirements: Applicants must obtain the marriage license at least 3 days (72 hours) prior to the wedding ceremony. A marriage license will expire 30 days from the date and time of issue if not used.

Required documents:

Official birth certificate/birth card with a raised seal of the state.

Driver's licenses, state identification card, military identification card, passport, or naturalization papers may not be submitted for birth certificates/birth cards.

Original foreign language birth certificates must be translated into English by that country's consulate as per LA. R.S. 13:3725. No other translations are acceptable.

Foreign language originals must be submitted along with original translations.

Identification needed (one)

Current U.S. State issued identification

Current U.S. State issued driver's license

Current Passports (U.S. or foreign) are acceptable

Current U.S. Military identification

Additional Information Required

Social Security Numbers
Father's full name

Residence addresses
Mother's full maiden name

City and State of parents' birth

Prior Marriages/Documentation

If either applicant was previously married, applicants must provide a signed, dated copy of the final decree of divorce, or if the former spouse is deceased, a copy of the death certificate naming applicant as surviving spouse.

Original foreign language divorce and death certificates must be translated into English by that country's consulate as per LA. R.S. 13:3725.

Effective January 1, 2016, a marriage application is required to be completed in one of the following ways:

Both applicants must appear and sign in front of a deputy clerk of court in the parish issuing the license.

If one applicant is unable to appear in front of a deputy clerk of court, **the non-present applicant** must appear before a Notary to sign the completed marriage application, and the other applicant will sign the application before the deputy clerk of court in the parish issuing the license.

Military exception - the applicant appearing must attach a copy of the other applicant's Military ID, and only the appearing applicant is required to sign the application in front of a deputy clerk of court in the parish issuing the marriage license.

Please note- If only one applicant appears at the Clerk of Court's office to apply for the license, that applicant must bring all required documents for both parties and provide all information for their prospective spouse as well as for themselves.