

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Requirements to obtain a marriage license:

- Men and women 18 years of age and older may contract marriage in Michigan without parental consent.
- Applicants will be asked to show both their birth certificates and a copy of their driver's license, state identification card, or other government issued identification.
- Persons 16 and 17 years of age may contract marriage in Michigan with written consent of one parent or legal guardian, **who must appear at the time of application.**
- If one or both persons is a Michigan resident-apply in the county where either applicant lives. The license is valid throughout the state.
- If both persons are out-of-state residents-they must apply in the county where the marriage will be performed. The license is valid in that county only.
- Fee per couple: \$20.00 for Michigan residents; \$30.00 for out-of-state resident.

Important Information:

There is a 3-day waiting period before the license can be issued. The County Clerk, for good and sufficient cause shown, can waive this waiting period. There is a \$30.00 Expedite Fee. The marriage must be solemnized within 33 days of application. The issued license may be picked up at the County Clerk's office.