

## **Obtaining a Marriage License**

### **What are the requirements for getting a formal marriage license?**

Both parties must appear before the county clerk;  
Submit proof of identity and age;  
Provide information applicable to each person;  
Take the oath printed on the application and sign before the clerk.

### **What can I use as proof of identity?**

Driver's license or identification card issued by this state or another state;  
United States passport;  
A current passport issued by a foreign country;  
An original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a Bureau of Vital Statistic for a state or a foreign government. Must present a valid form of government issued ID;  
Military ID card.

### **What is the cost of a marriage license?**

The cost of a marriage license is \$81.00 cash.

### **What is the expiration of a marriage license?**

If a marriage ceremony has not been conducted before the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date the license is issued, the marriage license expires.

### **What should be done once the marriage license has been purchased?**

After you have purchased your marriage license you must select an authorized officiate to perform the ceremony, and wait the appropriate 72 hours before the ceremony take place to get married; unless both parties have completed and obtained a Twogether in Texas premarital education class, or is a member of the armed forces of the United States and are on active duty.

### **Who should record the marriage license after the ceremony takes place?**

The person who conducts a marriage ceremony shall record on the license the date and the County in which the ceremony is performed and the person's name, subscribed in the license, and return the license to the County Clerk who issued the license not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the ceremony is conducted.

### **Can I use my Texas marriage license to get married in another state?**

A marriage license issued in the State of Texas can be used for ceremonies in other States. Please contact your out-of-state officiate before applying for a State of Texas marriage license. Please keep in mind your license will only be recorded in the County and State in which you applied.