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Michigan Marriage License Information

Obtaining your marriage license is one of the most important steps before your wedding day. The process is straightforward when you know what to expect. Below is a clear breakdown of the requirements for the three most common counties in the Metro Detroit area.

General Michigan Requirements

- Both applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- Marriage licenses are valid for 33 days from the date of application.
- Michigan has a 3-day waiting period before a license becomes valid. Plan accordingly if you want an “I Do & Dash” ceremony.
- You can apply in the county where at least one of you live. If you live in different Michigan counties, you may apply in either one.
- If both of you are Michigan residents, the license can be used anywhere in the state.
- If both of you are non-residents, you must apply in the county where the ceremony will take place.

Oakland County

Apply Online First

- Complete and submit the application here: [Online Marriage Application](#)
- Use the official Marriage Information Sheet for reference: [Download PDF](#)
- You'll receive a confirmation number after submitting — save it.

Wait the 3-Day Period & Pick Up In Person

- There is a 3-day waiting period after you submit the online application.
- The license is available on the third day following submission.
 - Apply Monday → pickup Thursday or later

- Apply Tuesday → pickup Friday or later
- Apply Wednesday–Friday → pickup the following Monday or later
- The license expires 33 days from the date you submitted the online application.
- Optional: Pay an extra \$5 at pickup to waive the 3-day wait.

Pickup Details

- Only one person needs to come in person to pick up the license.
- Bring: confirmation number, valid photo ID for the person picking it up, clear photocopies (front and back) of the other person's photo ID, birth certificate (copy is fine) or passport for both people, and Social Security numbers for both.
- If you don't have birth certificates, provide parents' full names and birthplaces plus each applicant's place of birth at pickup.

Pickup Locations & Hours

- Pontiac Office (no appointment needed): 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341 — Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM
- Troy Office (appointment required): Call 248-858-0571 to schedule. Hours are generally Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM.

Fees (Paid at Pickup)

- \$20 per couple if Michigan residents
- \$30 per couple if out-of-state residents
- +\$5 to waive the 3-day waiting period (optional)

Macomb County

Apply Online First

- Complete and submit the online marriage license application: Launch Online Application
- Have ready for both applicants: valid driver's license or Michigan State ID, Social Security numbers, date and place of birth, full names of both parents and their birth locations, and information on any previous marriages.
- Birth certificates are helpful but not required. If you don't have them, provide parents' names and birthplaces plus each applicant's place of birth.

Receive Your Marriage License

After submitting the online application, you have two options:

- Option 1: In-Person Appointment (Primary Method)
 - Schedule an appointment with the Macomb County Clerk's Office.
 - Only one applicant needs to appear, as long as they bring all required information and identification for both parties.
 - At the appointment, the affidavit will be completed and notarized, payment collected, and the marriage license issued.
- Option 2: Receive by Mail
 - Complete the Affidavit for License to Marry, have it signed and notarized by both parties, and submit it with payment to the Clerk's Office. Once processed, the license can be mailed to you.

Fees (Paid at Pickup or with Submission)

- Michigan residents: \$20
- Non-residents: \$30
- Waiver of the 3-day waiting period: +\$10

Important Timing & Rules

- There is a 3-day waiting period from the day of application before the license becomes valid (you can pay the extra \$10 to waive it).
- The license is valid for 33 days from the date of application.
- Apply no more than 30 days before your wedding date.

Pickup / Finalization Location

- Macomb County Clerk's Office
- 120 North Main Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043
- Appointments recommended. Call 586-469-5205.

Wayne County

Apply Online First

- Complete the online marriage license application through the Wayne County Clerk's Office: eVitals Online Application
- Have ready for both applicants: valid driver's license, state ID, or passport; Social Security numbers; date and place of birth; full names of both parents and their birth locations; and information regarding any previous marriages.
- You will receive a confirmation number after submitting. Note: Completing the online application does not issue the license.

Appear In Person

After submitting the online application and receiving a confirmation number, one or both applicants must appear at a Wayne County Clerk's Office location to obtain the marriage license.

- Bring your confirmation number and all required identification and information for both parties.
- The affidavit will be completed, payment collected, and the marriage license issued during this visit.

Fees (Paid in Person)

- If one or both applicants are Wayne County residents: \$30
- If both applicants are non-residents: \$40
- Payment accepted: cash, money order, or debit/credit card. Personal checks are not accepted.

Important Timing & Rules

- There is a standard 3-day waiting period from the day of application before the license becomes valid.
- The license is valid for 33 days from the date of application.
- Apply no more than 30 days before your wedding date.

In-Person Locations

- Wayne County Clerk's Office (main location)
- 400 Monroe Street, Detroit, MI 48226
- Appointments are required for in-person marriage license services. Call 313-224-5565.

Before Your Wedding

- Once you receive your marriage license:
- Review all names and information for accuracy.
- Let me know immediately if something appears incorrect.
- Keep the license in a safe place.
- Bring the original license to the rehearsal, final meeting, or wedding ceremony (or provide it to me at least one day in advance for safe keeping).

I cannot legally perform your marriage ceremony without a valid marriage license.

After the Ceremony

After the ceremony, we'll gather with your witnesses to complete and sign the marriage license. Once everyone has signed, I'll make sure the license is returned to the issuing county clerk for recording. After the marriage has been officially recorded, you may obtain certified copies of your marriage certificate directly from the county clerk's office. Certified copies are often needed if you plan to change your name, update Social Security records, or make changes to bank accounts, insurance policies, and other legal documents.

Questions?

If you're unsure when to apply, where to apply, or what documents you'll need, just ask. I'm happy to help guide you through the process so there are no surprises on your wedding day.