

# APPLYING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN MICHIGAN

If you've just set a date for your wedding, this can be an exciting time for the two of you! Don't let the marriage license laws of Michigan put a dent in your wedding plans.

Here's what you need to know and what documents to bring with you before you apply for a Michigan marriage license. We recommend getting this legal aspect of your wedding out of the way about a month before your wedding date. Congratulations and much happiness as you begin your lifetime journey together!

Requirements may vary as each county in Michigan as each county could have their own requirements. *If a couple both goes into either Ingham Co or Eaton Co Clerk's office—all they need is a valid driver's license for the notarizing. Then, there is a three day wait for them to come in and pick it up*; some counties allow you to get it immediately if you pay an extra fee.

## Residency Requirements

You do not have to be a resident of Michigan, but the fee is \$10 more for non-residents.

Residents need to apply for their marriage license in the county in which one of them lives. Non-residents need to apply for their marriage license in the county where they plan on getting married.

Previous Marriage: You need to know the date (mm/dd/yy) and how the last marriage ended. If it was within the last six months, you will need to bring proof of the divorce that can be left with the Clerk.

## ID Requirement in Michigan

Picture ID such as Drivers License. You can also use Military ID, DD 214. You will also need to know both of your social security numbers.

You will also need to know your parents addresses, and your mothers' maiden names. Foreign birth certificates need to be translated into English, and be notarized.

Fees in Michigan: \$20 if you are a resident of Michigan. \$30 for non-residents. Some counties may charge more. Bring cash. Most counties do not accept checks.

## Proxy Marriages

No. However, only one of you needs to be present when applying for a marriage license. You will need to show a photocopy of the front and back of your partner's driver's license. License is valid for thirty (30) days.