

# Marriage Licenses

## REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE

**LOUISIANA ISSUED MARRIAGE LICENSE CAN ONLY BE USED WITHIN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, we ask that you come in no later than 4:00 p.m. to allow time for completing the marriage license application and the issuance of the license.

MARRIAGE LICENSE - \$27.50  
1-DAY WAIVER - \$5.00  
CERTIFIED COPY - \$10.00

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENT:** Applicants must obtain the marriage license 1 day (24 hours) prior to the ceremony. This can be waived by a judge or justice of the peace authorized to perform the ceremony. A marriage license is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance.

**AGE REQUIREMENT:** Applicants must be 18 years of age. If an applicant is 16 or 17 years of age, a written consent from a judge must be presented and both parents must appear with photo identification to sign a consent form. Applicants 16 or 17 years of age may not contract marriage with a person of the age of majority where there is an age difference of three years or greater between them. A minor under the age of 16 may not contract marriage.

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE:** Applicants must present an original or certified copy of their birth certificates. If either party was born outside the United States he/she must present the original birth certificate. If the birth certificate is not in English, applicant(s) must also provide a notarized translation that includes a sworn declaration of translator. If a birth certificate cannot be provided the applicant shall obtain an order signed by a judge waiving the birth certificate requirement.

**PREVIOUSLY MARRIED:** If either applicant has been previously married, applicant must state the number of previous marriages and provide a copy of the **final judgment of divorce**, or if the former spouse is deceased, a copy of the **death certificate**.

**COVENANT MARRIAGE:** A Covenant Marriage requires the same information stated above in addition to premarital counseling. Applicants wanting to obtain a Covenant Marriage must submit a declaration of intent and affidavit and attestation.

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** Applicants must provide both Social Security numbers. Copy is NOT required.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** The following information for both parties is also required: Highest grade of education completed; father's full name and state of birth; mother's full name (Maiden Name) and state of birth.

## Justice of the Peace

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