

Marriage License Requirements

Marriage License Fees:

\$81.00 – w/o - Premarital Course Certificate

\$21.00 – w/ Premarital Course Certificate (TWOGETHER IN TEXAS)

\$46.00 – Informal Marriage (Common Law)

8 am – 4 pm / M – F

(except for Court Approved Holidays)

Marriage Application Requirement Texas: Formal | Informal

There are two different types of marriage licenses in Texas, and basic requirements are the same for both types of marriage:

- **A “Formal marriage license”** A formal marriage license can be obtained from any county in Texas and the marriage can be performed anywhere. If the marriage takes place outside of Texas, contact the appropriate state office, consulate or embassy to learn the marriage requirements for that state or country.
- **A “Declaration And Registration Of An Informal Marriage (Common Law)”** An informal marriage license can be obtained and recorded by a couple who agree to be married, and after the agreement, they lived together in this state as a couple and represented to others that they were married.
- **A “Same-Sex Declaration Of Informal Marriage (Common Law)”** The Agreed to be marriage date can not be dated before June 26th, 2015. (Same-sex marriage was legalized on June 26th, 2015 for all U.S. states.)

The following information is required on a marriage license application of both spouses, or party A and party B, the information needed for marriage license requirements is below:

- **Both parties must appear in person.**
- **Both parties must be 18 and older.**
- **Submit proof of identity and age. (Valid Driver’s License or Identification Card.)**
- **Must have Social Security card or recent Tax papers.**
- **Must Know city, county, and state where you were born.**
- **Effective September 1, 2013 – A person who is incarcerated may not apply for a marriage license.**

Marriage ID Requirement Texas:

Must have a VALID, government-issued picture identification:

- Driver's license
- State ID
- Passport
- Military ID
- Visa

Marriage license requirements are always subject to change so it's best to check with your [County Clerk's](#) office to verify information and documents needed to obtain your license.

Marriage Waiting Period Texas:

- There is a 72-hour waiting period to get married.
- The 72-hour waiting period may be waived by court order.
- Active duty military are exempt from the waiting period.

- **Expiration Date of Marriage License Texas:**

- The Marriage License is valid in Texas for 90 days after issuance.

Marriage Residency Requirement Texas:

You do not have to be a resident of Texas.

Previous Marriages: [Divorce](#) Records

If either applicant has been recently divorced, the state requires a 30-day waiting period from the date of the filed divorce decree, unless waived by the court. Female applicants are required to submit a certified copy of final decree showing their restored maiden name if different from current identification.

Marriage License Fees Texas:

- The marriage license fees varies from Texas county to county, so call ahead to your local [County Clerk's](#) office to find out the fee and ask what form of payment is accepted. In some cases, you may need to bring cash.
- Couples completing the State Approved Pre-Marital Education Course, Twogether in Texas, may have the formal license fee reduced to the County fee (up to \$22) and the 72-hour waiting period waived by presenting the state-issued course completion certificate when applying for the license. Please visit www.twogetherintexas.com to locate classes in your area.

Cousin Marriages Texas:

No.

Common Law Marriages Texas:

Yes.

Blood Test Requirement Texas:

No. Blood tests or medical examinations are not required in Texas.

Name Change:

Getting a marriage license with your new name on it does not mean your name has automatically changed. You need to change your last name on your social security card by using the printed application you are given when purchasing your license.

Declaration and Registration of An Informal Marriage (Common Law):

An informal marriage license can be obtained and recorded by a couple who agree to be married, and after the agreement, they lived together in this state as a couple and represented to others that they were married.

- Both parties must be present.
- A person under 18 years of age may not obtain an informal marriage license.
- A person may not obtain an informal marriage license if presently married to someone else.

Marriage Officiants Texas:

Persons authorized to perform weddings in Texas include licensed or ordained Christian ministers, priests, Jewish rabbis, officers authorized by religious organizations, justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of criminal appeals, justices of the courts of appeals, judges of the district, county, and probate courts, judges of the county courts at law, judges of the courts of domestic relations, judges of the juvenile courts, retired justices or judges, justices of the peace, retired justices of the peace, and judges or magistrates of a federal court of Texas.