

MARRIAGE LICENSE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I need to do to get a marriage license?

If you wish to apply for a marriage license in Uvalde County both applicants should come to the County Courthouse located at the corner of Main and Getty Streets, Uvalde, Texas. Our hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

How much does a marriage license cost?

Refer to the marriage license tab on the County Clerk's web site for the price. The fee shall be paid in cash prior to the issuance – positively no checks!

What type of identification do we need?

This office requires that proof of identity, and age of each applicant to be established by a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate accompanied by a current photo ID which states the person's height, color of eyes/hair or by some certificate, license, or document issued by this state or another state, the United States, or foreign government be presented before the issuance of a marriage license. All types of current identification shall have a picture, height, color of eyes/hair. Proof of identity shall be in the English language or translated into the English language with translator's signature notarized, accompanied by the foreign language document. Applicants will also need to provide their Social Security numbers before issuance of license.

How long is a marriage license valid?

A marriage license is valid for 90 days (Senate Bill 1317, Family Code Sec. 2.201, Effective 9/1/2013) from the date of issuance. After the expiration of 90 days, if the marriage license has not been used it becomes invalid and the applicants must obtain a current one and repay the fee.

Is there a waiting period after the issuance of the license before we can get married?

The marriage ceremony may not take place during a 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license unless: (1) an applicant is a member of the armed forces of the US and is on active duty (*documentation needs to be presented at time of applying for ML*); (2) or an applicant who is not a member of the armed forces of the US but performs work for the US Dept. of Defense as a department employee or under a contract with the dept. (*documentation needs to be presented at time of applying for ML*); (3) or an applicant who requests a Judge of Court (*not JP*) for a written waiver permitting the marriage ceremony to take place during the 72-hour period immediately following the issuance of the marriage license; (4) applicants who complete a premarital education course described by *FC Section 2.013*, and who provides to the County Clerk a premarital education course completion certificate (*documentation needs to be presented at time of applying for ML*) indicating completion of the premarital education (*Together in Texas*) course not more than one year before the date the marriage license application is filed with the clerk.

Is there a waiting period after getting a divorce before I can apply for a marriage license?

A license cannot be issued if either applicant has been divorced in any State within the last 30 days; unless they are remarrying or the 30 days is waived in the divorce decree (*documentation needs to be presented at time of applying for ML*).

Do I have to be a certain age before applying for a marriage license?

If the applicant is 16 years of age or older, but under the age of 18, the County Clerk shall issue the license if parental consent or Judicial approval is given as prescribed by law. Judicial approval is required for any marriage under 16. If the parents have been separated, the consent must come from the judicially designated managing conservator or guardian of the applicant's person (*documentation needs to be presented at time of applying for ML*). Persons giving consent need to provide the same type of identification as the applicants.

Where can I get married?

A Texas marriage license may be used anywhere in the United States, in most foreign countries (*should confirm with that country prior to making plans*) and on a cruise ship, airplane, and other means of transportation.

Where is my marriage license recorded?

In the state of Texas your marriage license is recorded in the county where it was purchased.