

Requirements for marriage license:

Both applicants must be present to complete the application.

If you are an Ohio resident, you must apply for your marriage license in the county in which one of you resides. You are then able to be married anywhere in the State of Ohio.

If you are an out-of-state resident and plan on getting married in Van Wert County, you must get your license in Van Wert County.

Both applicants must be 18 or older. (Otherwise, special rules for juveniles apply. Please call Probate Court for more information. 419-238-0027.)

You must bring a picture ID with you, such as a driver's license, state ID card, or passport.

If either applicant has been previously married, you must bring a copy of the most recent final decree of your divorce/dissolution/annulment decree with you. This needs to be a file-stamped copy with the Judge's signature on it.

If either applicant is widowed, we do not require a Death Certificate.

Provided you have all of the necessary information, you will receive your marriage license the same day that you apply for it. You must use it within *60 days* from the date of issuance.

Marriage licenses are \$45. The Court accepts cash and money orders. We will accept checks from Van Wert County residents only.

Please make sure your officiant is registered with the Ohio Secretary of State's Office. Any minister who performs a marriage in Ohio must be registered through their office or the marriage will not be valid. The Secretary of State's website, which contains an application and more information regarding this:

<https://www.sos.state.oh.us/records/minister-licenses/licensing-procedures/>