



Congratulations and best wishes! You're getting married, and you have a lot of decisions to make. Use this Pre-Wedding checklist before coming to the Clerk & Comptroller's office for your Marriage License.

Requirements

To get a marriage license, you must:

- Be unmarried; and
- Be at least 18 years old.

(For applicants under 18, contact us to learn about additional requirements.)

When and Where You Can Use Your Marriage License

Your marriage license:

- May be used anywhere in the State of Florida.
- Must be used within 60 days.
- Must be returned within 10 days.
- Is valid to be used based on your residency:

If neither of you are a FL Resident:

VALID SAME DAY

If one or both of you are FL Residents:

VALID AFTER 3RD DAY

(Providing a Premarital Counseling Course completion certificate allows FL Residents to marry the same day.)

What to Bring

- Valid government-issued, photo ID (*Driver's License, Passport, Military ID, State-issued ID card*)
NOTE: Your state residency is determined by the address on your photo ID.
- Date of Birth (*No documentation needed, just know the date.*)
- Social Security Number (*No card needed, just know the number.*)
- Cash, credit card, check, or money order to pay the license fee of \$86.00
- Premarital Counseling Certificate of Completion (*For FL Residents only, Optional*)
- Exact date your previous marriage ended
(Either by death, annulment, or divorce – No copies needed, just know the date.)

Save Time and Money

- Read the Family Law Handbook online, before you arrive.
- Take a Premarital Counseling Course to pay a reduced license fee. (*For FL Residents only, Optional*)
- Consider getting married at the courthouse for only \$30.00.

Considering Getting Married at the Courthouse?

Remember to bring:

- Valid, government-issued photo ID (*Driver's License, Passport, Military, State-issued ID card*)
- Issued Marriage License (*For couples not getting married the same day they receive their license.*)
- Additional \$30 for the ceremony fee.
- Camera, friends, and family!

Marriage License Services

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
No appointment needed. Allow 30 minutes.
941-861-7400 • www.SarasotaClerk.com

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Historic Courthouse
2000 Main Street
Sarasota, FL 34237

Venice

R.L. Anderson Administration Center
4000 S. Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL 34293