

Do both people have to fill out a separate application?

No

Do both people have to be present to verify pay and pick up marriage license?

Yes

Do we need an appointment?

NO APPOINTMENT IS NEEDED. Marriage Licenses are issued between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday – Friday (except Holidays)

Do we need to bring our social security card?

No, you will only need to verify that Social Security Number you typed in on the Marriage Application is correct.

How long does the process take after completing the application?

It takes 10-15 minutes to verify, purchase and pick up the marriage license.

How many days after receiving marriage license do I have to use/get married?

30 days

How long after the ceremony do I need to return the completed marriage license?

The Officiant/Minister must return the marriage license within 15 days of the ceremony

Can I bring the completed marriage license back to the Recorder's Office?

The Officiant/Minister is responsible for the completed marriage license to be returned to the Recorder's Office.

Can I buy the marriage license in one county of the state and get married in another county in the state?

Yes, if you purchase a marriage license in the state of Missouri, you can get married in **ANY** county in Missouri

How long after my divorce, can I purchase a marriage license?

The court system recommends a 30-day waiting period.

Is there a Judge?

No Judge, As of April 25, 2025 the current judge stepped down.

Does the officiant have to be from Missouri?

Yes, the officiant must be in good standings and affiliated with a church or organization in Missouri.

See Missouri Statue # 451.100.

How will I receive the certified copy of the marriage license?

Your certified copy will be mailed to the address on the application using the self-addressed stamped envelope you provide.

How long does it take to get a certified copy of the marriage license?

When the marriage license is returned to the Recorder of Deeds office, the certified copy of the marriage license will be put in the mail the same day if received before noon; if received after 1 pm it will go in the mail the next day.

Why do I need a Certified Copy of the Marriage License?

You will need a certified copy of your marriage license if you are going to change your name on any government issued document

As of August 28, 2025, NO marriage license will be issued to any person/persons under the age of 18. Missouri State Statue Chapter 451.090.

If you are not comfortable communicating in English, you will need to bring an interpreter to assist you in finalizing your application to receive the marriage license.