

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS Effective January 1, 2019

Requirements for a Marriage License to be issued by the Uvalde County Clerk are as follows:

1. Both applicants must appear together and submit proof of age and identity with a valid state driver's license, valid state ID Card, U.S. passport or visa, or any certificate of license issued by this state, another state, or the U.S. Government. Proof of ID must include a photo, name and date of birth.
2. The cost of the marriage license is \$82.00. (Cash ONLY) Couples who participate in Together in Texas premarital counseling through a certified Texas Health and Human Services Commission provider must present their Certificate of Course Completion at the time they apply for the marriage license to receive the discount; the certificate must be used within one year of issuance. The cost of the marriage license with the certificate is \$22.00. **Cash payment is required** for marriage license fees; you may not use a check or credit card.
3. The legal age to purchase a Marriage License in the state of Texas is 18. A blood test is not required. If either applicant has been recently divorced from any party other than the co-applicant, the state requires a 30 day waiting period from the date of final decree showing name change if different from current identification.
4. The license is valid for 90 days from the date of purchase, during which time the ceremony must occur, or the license will expire. There is a 72-hour waiting period from the time the license is purchased until the ceremony can be performed. Active duty military personnel are exempt from the 72-hour waiting period, with proof of active duty military status. Couples who have completed Together in Texas premarital counseling through a certified Texas Health and Human Services Commission provider are exempt from the 72-hour waiting period, upon presentation of their Certificate of Completion to the officiant (pastor, judge, etc.)

5. It is your responsibility to arrange the appointment with the officiant or minister who is going to conduct your ceremony.
6. Following the ceremony, the person officiating must complete the ceremony section of the license, sign it, print name, title, address, city, state and zip code and then return it to the County Clerk for recording. The original license will be returned to you once it has been recorded.
7. You may obtain certified copies of your marriage license any time after it has been recorded. Certified copies are \$21.00. Do not release your ORIGINAL marriage license to anyone without assurances that it will be returned to you. A certified copy of your marriage license should be used when the party or agency requesting it will not accept a plain copy.

To obtain a marriage license or a certified copy, you may come to the Uvalde County Clerk's Office located on the first floor of the Uvalde County Courthouse, #20 Courthouse Square, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM; we are closed on weekends and holidays.

Honorable Donna M. Williams
Uvalde County Clerk
#20 Courthouse Square
Uvalde, Texas 78801

If you have any questions, please call (830) 278-6614

Effective September 1, 2017
SB 1705: Texas Family Code §2.003
*****No one under the age of 18 may apply for a marriage license without a court order authorizing the marriage*****

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