

Minnesota Marriage License Information

Applying for a License

You can apply for a marriage license in any Minnesota county if you are both 18 and will be married in Minnesota. You don't need to live in that county or in the State of Minnesota. The marriage license is valid anywhere in the State of Minnesota. A list of License offices where a marriage license can be purchased is on the back side of this page. You can also go on the Internet and check the county web sites for forms and information. The web sites are all [www.co.\(county's name\).mn.us](http://www.co.(county's name).mn.us) - for example www.co.hennepin.mn.us is Hennepin County.

Requirements

Only one party is required to apply in person, except in Hennepin County, where either both parties must be present at the time of application, or the party not present must sign the application and have his or her signature notarized. The applicant will be required to complete all information about both parties - full names before and after marriage, addresses, social security numbers, dates and places of birth. Identification requirements vary in each county. A valid driver's license, photo I.D., or certified copy of a birth certificate may be requested. Call for information before you go to the license center.

Special Conditions

If either applicant is under 18, has a criminal felony conviction, is widowed or divorced, special requirements may apply. A copy of a decree of dissolution, or a death certificate for a deceased spouse, may be required. You must list the date, county and state of a dissolution. Call the location where you will apply for more information.

Cost

The license fee is \$100.00. It's best to take cash or a credit card, if the license office accepts credit cards. If you pay by check, some counties may require a delay of three weeks before they will issue a Marriage License. Some counties charge \$5.00 more to mail the license. The \$100.00 fee can be cut to \$30.00 with 12 hours of premarital counseling.

Premarital Counseling

Premarital counseling is not required.

Waiting Period

No blood test is required, but there is a minimum five day waiting period after the day of application, if one party has a felony conviction and is requesting a name change there is a 30 day waiting period, and in some counties 21 days if you pay by check. The five day waiting period can be waived by a Judge for good cause, but it takes time to obtain a Judge's signature – so apply early. Your license will be valid in any Minnesota county for six months after it's issued.

Marital Name Changes

If you intend to change your name at the time of marriage you will indicate this on the application for your marriage license. Hal Markland will file the completed Certificate of Marriage with the county which issued the license. That county will then mail you a certified copy you can use for changing your name. Social security, driver's license, passport, etc. will all have to be changed.

Where to Purchase Marriage Licenses

Call each License Center for hours of operation - many have evening and Saturday hours.

Anoka County

Anoka License Center
6111 Highway 10 #500
Ramsey, 763-576-5768

Blaine License Center

11000 Highway 65 NE
Blaine, 763-767-3889

Columbia Heights License Center

3982 Central Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, 763-789-7202

Coon Rapids License Center

3026 1/2 111th Ave NW
Coon Rapids, 763-712-4102

Courthouse License Center

Anoka Government Center
325 East Main St. W130
Anoka, 763-323-5205 or 5202

Ham Lake License Center

17565 Central Ave. NE #330
Ham Lake, 763-413-9717

Carver County

Courthouse - Recorder's Office
600 East Fourth Street
Chaska, 952-361-1930

Chisago County

Courthouse - Recorder - Rm 277
313 North Main Street
Center City, 651-213-0438

Dakota County

Hastings Government Center
1590 Highway 55 West
Hastings, 651-438-4313

Northern Service Center

One Mendota Road W., Suite 130
West St. Paul 651-554-6601

Western Service Center

County Road 42 & Galaxie
14955 Galaxie Avenue
Apple Valley, 952-891-7570

Hennepin County

Recording - 612-348-8240

Brookdale Service Center

6125 Shingle Creek Parkway
Brooklyn Center

Eden Prairie Service Center

479 Prairie Center Dr., Eden Pr.

Maple Grove Service Center

9325 Upland Lane N., Suite 101

Minneapolis Service Center

Government Center - 2nd Floor
300 So. 6th Street, Minneapolis

Ridgedale Service Center

12601 Ridgedale Drive, Suite 200
Minnetonka

Southdale Service Center

7009 York Avenue South, Edina

Isanti County

Courthouse - Recorder's Office
555 18th Avenue S.W.
Cambridge, 763-689-1191

Ramsey County

555 Cedar Street
10th & Cedar

St. Paul, 651-266-1333

Scott County

Courthouse - Recorder's Office
200 Fourth Avenue West
Shakopee, 952-496-8137

Sherburne County

Courthouse - Recorder's Office
13880 Highway 10
Elk River, 763-241-2915

Washington County

Government Center

14949 62nd St. North, Room 275
Stillwater, 651-275-7057

Cottage Grove Courthouse

8180 Belden Boulevard
Cottage Grove, 651-430-4000

Forest Lake License Center

Northland Mall
1432 South Lake Street
Forest Lake, 651-430-8280

Stillwater License Center

River Heights Plaza
1520 West Frontage Road
Stillwater, 651-430-6176

Woodbury Service Center

2150 Radio Drive
Woodbury, 651-275-8600

Wright County

Courthouse, Room 160
10 Second Street NW
Buffalo, 763-682-7509