

REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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The Orleans Parish Marriage License Office is located in the Louisiana State Office Building, 325 Loyola Avenue, Room 101. Licenses are issued between 8:15 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Saturday. The price of a license is \$27.50. (By statute \$12.50 of this fee goes to the Family Violence Trust Fund) For certified copies the price is \$5.50. You are encouraged to purchase one or more certified copies of your marriage certificate when you apply for your license. This fee is non-refundable if you decide not to marry and this fee is retained for the search for the record. The license is valid in the State of Louisiana only. Licenses are valid until midnight, (30) thirty days after the date of issuance. If the service is postponed, exceeding the (30) thirty days, a new license must be purchased.

You must be eighteen (18) years of age to apply for a marriage license. Applicants over the age of (16) sixteen but under the age of (18) eighteen must have signed consent of both parents or an order from a Judge of Juvenile Court. Females under (16) sixteen will be issued a license only upon the written order of the Juvenile Court Judge.

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The bride and/or groom may make application for a Louisiana license. Only one party is required to be present if you have all documents required. The required documents are a current drivers license or picture ID, Certified copy of birth certificate or certified birth card for both parties and both must provide social security numbers. If either parties have been divorced, or widowed a certified copy of the final divorce decree or death certificate must be provided. A valid passport is acceptable as proof of ID and birth items.

A seventy-two (72) hour waiting period is required by law between the issuance of the license and the ceremony, however Judges of the First or Second City Courts may waive the waiting period for Louisiana residents, Monday – Friday only. If the bride or groom is a non-resident of the state and their ceremony will occur in Orleans parish by a registered Orleans officiant, the officiant can waive this waiting period.

Louisiana does not require pre-marital medical examinations or blood testing.