

MARRIAGE LICENSE FAQ's

Welcome to the Oscoda County Marriage License Frequently Asked Questions Page!
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How much does a Marriage License Cost?

\$20, due at the time of Application. Cash, Check or Money Order payments are accepted in office. (Credit/Debit Cards are accepted, through ALLPAID. Please contact our office for details).

Where do we go to apply for a Marriage License?

Come to the Oscoda County Clerk's Office at 311 S Morenci Ave (M-33), Mio, MI inside the Government Administration Building, or apply online through the County Clerk's Website <https://mioscoda.fidlar.com/MIOscodaVS/APEX.WebPortal> .

Do we need to make an appointment to come in to apply for a Marriage License?

No. Walk-ins are always welcome. Our office hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Mon – Fri. (Closed for lunch 12-1pm daily). Application process usually takes less than 30 minutes.

Do both parties have to come to the County Clerk's Office to Apply for a Marriage License?

NO. Only one (1) of the Applicants MUST appear in person to apply.

Do we have to take a health class, HIV class or blood test?

No. These are no longer required by the State of Michigan.

What documentation do we need to bring?

Both applicants will have to provide their Birth Certificate. If you were born in another country, it will have to be translated to English. Social Security cards. If you are a citizen, but have no SS card, a paystub or income tax document that shows the full number. If you are a non-citizen, your Visa documentation. Driver's License or State ID (cannot be expired). If you do not have either, a piece of mail that shows residency, i.e., tax bill or utility bill. If you were previously married, a certified copy of the divorce or spouses' death certificate.

Can we get married at your office?

No. You would have to contact the local District Court Magistrate to schedule a time to be married. (989-826-1105), or find an Officiant of your choosing elsewhere.

Where can we find a Justice of the Peace?

There is no longer a Justice of the Peace.

Can anyone apply for a Marriage License in Oscoda County?

At least one party must be a resident of Oscoda County with identification that shows proof of residency and 18 years or older, unless you file a Parental Consent Waiver at the time of application.

Can the Marriage License *only be used* in the county it was purchased in?

No. An Oscoda County Marriage License is valid in all Michigan Counties. This does not apply to Out of State Applicants. (see below)

Can Out of State residents apply for a marriage License in Oscoda County?

Out of State residents may apply for a Marriage License in Oscoda County, but there will be additional fee of \$10 for this (Total for Out of State Resident Marriage License \$30.) *This Marriage License can only be used for marriage in Oscoda County.*

Is there a waiting period between the time of application and getting married?

Yes. There is a 3-day waiting period between application and marriage, unless you apply for the 3 Day Waiver (approval determined by the County Clerk and with an additional fee of \$15.)

How long is the Marriage License good for?

The Marriage License is valid for 30 days (after the initial 3 day waiting period). After 30 days if not used, the Marriage License expires and you will have to re-apply for a new license.

Does the Bride have to take the Groom's last name after marriage?

No. She does not.

How does a spouse change their last name after marriage?

You may sign the marriage license with your spouse's last name, if that is the name you intend to take after you are married. But, in order for the name change to be legal and valid, you must get your name officially changed with the Secretary of State (1-888-767-6424) and the Social Security Administration (1-800-772-1213). These branches MAY NOT accept the copy you signed on your wedding day. In order to get a CERTIFIED copy of your Marriage License from the Oscoda County Clerk's office, you will need to submit a request form and the appropriate fee (\$15 for the first copy, \$5 for additional copies) to the County Clerk's Office.

Is Oscoda Township in Oscoda County?

No. Oscoda Township is located in IOSCO County.

Contact our office at 989-826-1110 for any additional questions you may have.

Note: "Official" Copies of Marriage Licenses are available at the Clerk's Office AFTER the marriage has been recorded in our office. Cost for this License is \$15.