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Apply for a Marriage License

To be married in the State of Indiana, a couple must have a marriage license. To apply for a license, both you and your future spouse must appear in person at the Clerk's Office in an Indiana county or for non-residents in the Indiana county where the marriage will be solemnized.

Before you apply for a marriage license, familiarize yourself with the process outlined below.

1: Are you eligible to be married in Indiana?

Age. The Clerk can issue a marriage license if:

- Both applicants are 18 years of age or older;
- One or both applicants are 17 and parents or legal guardians are present to provide consent;
- One or both applicants are younger than 17 and have a court order granting permission.

Exclusions. The Clerk cannot issue a marriage license if:

- Either applicant is under the influence of drugs or alcohol when applying;
- Applicants are more closely related than second cousins (though there is an exception in the case of first cousins who are both at least sixty-five (65) years of age).
- Either applicant has been judged to be of unsound mind, unless the adjudication has been reversed.

See [Indiana Code 31-11](#) for more information about state marriage laws.

2: When to apply

A marriage license is valid for 60 days from the date it is issued, and couples may be married within that period. Couples who do not marry within the 60 days must apply for a new license before marrying.

3: What to take to the Clerk's Office

Identification. Be sure to bring one of the following forms of identification to prove your identity:

- Current, valid drivers license or state-issued ID card
- Passport
- Birth Certificate

Indiana state law (IC 31-11-4-6) includes "any written evidence of the individual's date of birth or date of marriage." Local policies vary by county, so you may want to contact the clerk's office in advance.

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documentation is in any language other than English, it may be necessary to have it translate submitting it to the clerk.

You will also be required to provide your Social Security Number, although your Social Security

If you were previously married, you will need to provide the date your marriage ended. In addition, you will need to provide a certified copy of the divorce decree.

Genealogical Information. The Clerk's Office will collect some family information from you. The Indiana State Library (by law) for the purpose of genealogical research. You will need to provide information on your parents:

- Full Name
- Last known address
- Birthplace (state or foreign country)

4: How Much It Costs

The marriage license fee is \$18 if one or both parties are Indiana residents and \$60.00 for out-of-state residents. All county offices also charge an additional document fee of \$2.00. Each copy of the Certified Marriage License (for use at the DMV, change at BMV, SSN, etc.) is also \$2.00. Most counties require these fees to be paid in advance.

Ready to Apply?

If you are eligible as outlined above, have all the necessary documentation, and you're ready to apply for a marriage license, you can apply at the Clerk's Office in the county where you plan to file.

While you will still have to appear at the Clerk's Office to complete the process and receive your license (under Indiana law), starting your application online will save you time at the Clerk's Office.

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