

MARRIAGE LICENSES

How much does a marriage license cost?

\$20.00 for Alpena County residents, and \$30.00 for out-of-state residents

How long does it take to get a marriage license? How long is the license good for?

There is a 3 day waiting period after applying for your license and you must be married within 33 days of the date of application. The waiting period can be waived with an additional \$25 (or \$35 for out of state).

Do both parties have to be present to apply for a marriage license?

Yes, both parties must be present to apply for a marriage license. Both parties must have the following information at time of application.

- Social Security Card
- Certified Copy of Birth Certificate
- Full name (first, middle, last)
- Birth date
- Birth place (city, state)
- County of residence - Current Address
- How many times previously married
- Father's full name (first, middle, last)
- Mother's full name (first, middle, maiden name)
- Place of birth for parents (city, state)

Where do I apply for my marriage license?

You apply in the county where you or your future spouse reside, and then you may get married anywhere in the state of Michigan. If you reside outside the state of Michigan, you must apply in the county which you are going to be married in.

Must marriage witnesses be 18 years old?

No, witnesses are not required to be 18 years of age. However, they need to be able to comprehend that they are witnesses to a legal marriage and they need to be able to sign their legal signature.