

What is the process to obtain a certified copy of a marriage license?

Saint Louis County marriage license records are available at the Recorder of Deeds Office, dating from 1877 to the present. Requests may be made in person or by mail.

To locate the correct license, it is helpful to provide the following:

- Full name of both parties at the time of the marriage ceremony;
- The approximate date of the marriage ceremony.

**Fees:**

Photocopy of marriage license.....	\$2
Certified copy.....	\$9

**Recorder of Deeds Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Marriage License Section Only:**

**Tuesday & Thursday  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**For additional information, contact:**

Saint Louis County Recorder of Deeds  
41 South Central Avenue  
Fourth Floor  
Clayton, MO 63105

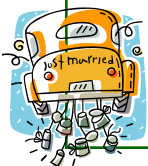
Phone: (314) 615-7100

24-hour recorded information:  
(314) 615-7180

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RelayMO 711 or (800) 735-2966

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# Saint Louis County

# MARRIAGE

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# Information



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### [Do we need a marriage license?](#)

In order to be legally married in the State of Missouri, a marriage license must be obtained prior to the ceremony. The marriage license is valid in any county in Missouri, but is valid **ONLY** in Missouri.

### [How do we apply for a marriage license?](#)

The couple must apply together in person at the Recorder of Deeds Office on the fourth floor of the Lawrence K. Roos County Government Building, 41 South Central Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105.

The marriage license section is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

### [What information is required to apply for a marriage license?](#)

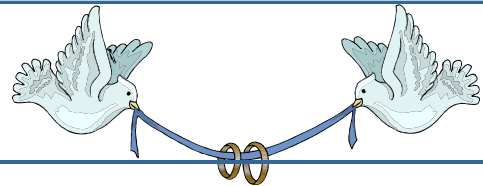
Both parties must be at least 18 years of age. Each applicant must present some form of government issued (federal or state) identification (e.g. valid driver's license, a state identification card, a passport, etc.). Also, each applicant must provide proof of a valid social security number if the government issued identification does not contain a social security number. If an applicant does not have a social security number, a statement must be signed stating that fact. Blood tests are **NOT** required to apply for a marriage license.

### [How much does a marriage license cost?](#)

The fee for a marriage license application is **\$47**. Payment is accepted in **CASH ONLY**. The fee is non-refundable. A keepsake certificate may be purchased for \$1.

### [How soon may we be married after we apply for a Marriage License?](#)

Couples may apply and obtain their marriage license on the same day as long as they are getting married within 30 days of the application date. The marriage ceremony **must occur within 30 days** from the date of issuance or the license is void.



### [How do we arrange a civil ceremony?](#)

Saint Louis County Circuit Court judges perform civil marriage ceremonies every Wednesday (excluding holidays), starting at 1 p.m. in the Saint Louis County Courts Building, 105 South Central Avenue (building next to the Lawrence K. Roos County Government Building).

**Applicants must arrive at 12 noon with the marriage license to register.**

Witnesses are optional. Also, an appointment can be made directly with a municipal judge to perform a civil marriage ceremony. Contact your municipality for more information.

### [How about name changes after the marriage ceremony?](#)

A certified copy of the marriage license should be ordered when applying for the marriage license if one of the parties plans to change their name after the marriage ceremony. The certified copy will have to be presented (but not surrendered) at the Social Security office and the Missouri Department of Revenue (motor vehicle and driver licensing) office.