

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the Court perform marriages?

The Miami County **Probate Court does not perform marriage ceremonies**. It is up to the applicants of the marriage license to arrange for an individual, **who is registered with the Secretary of State of Ohio**, to solemnize their marriage. If you are **wanting to be married by a court** you will need to contact the [Miami County Municipal Court](#) at (937) 440-3937. Appointments for marriage ceremonies are made at the Municipal Court's discretion.

Do we need to make an appointment for a marriage license?

It is not a requirement to make an appointment with the Probate Court, however **it is preferred** that all applicants make an appointment with the Court. All applicants not wanting to make an appointment must still **bring in all required documentation**, and **complete their online application**. If the online application is not completed prior to coming to the Court **you will be required to sit at the public terminal and complete it**.

Can we get married on the same day?

There is no waiting period for a marriage license, so you can get married the same day. However, it is up to the applicants of the marriage license to arrange for an individual, **who is registered with the Secretary of State of Ohio**, to solemnize their marriage.

How Long is the License good for?

A marriage license is only valid for 60 days, with the day it is issued counting as day 1. The marriage must be solemnized within that time frame or the marriage will be invalid. For example, if a license is issued on December 1st you would have until January 30th to get married. If you got married January 31st with a license that was issued December 1st it would be invalid as it is past 60 days.

Does the person marrying us have to be registered?

Yes, all persons who wish to perform marriages have to be registered with the Secretary of State of Ohio as someone authorized to solemnize marriages. **Please note that not all persons who are ordained are necessarily registered with the Secretary of State**. It is up to the applicants to ensure that whoever solemnizes the marriage is properly registered. For more information please see our page on who can perform marriages.

Where can I get a copy of my marriage license?

You can request a certified copy of your marriage license from the Probate Court that you applied in. The court that issued the license would be the county that you resided in at that time. If you are unsure where that was you can contact Vital Statistics of Ohio at (614) 466-2531, and they will be able to tell you what county issued the license.