



Office of the City Clerk

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MARRIAGE LICENSE & CEREMONY INFORMATION

All marriages performed within New York State require a New York State Marriage License. Licenses may be obtained from municipal clerks, and are valid throughout New York State. The Binghamton City Clerk's Office issues marriage licenses Monday through Friday from 9:00am-3:30pm on a walk-in basis. No appointment is necessary during these hours. Additional information may be obtained from the New York State Department of Health's website at http://www.health.state.ny.us/vital_records/married.htm

Requirements

Both parties must be present when obtaining a marriage license. One of the following **age-related documents** must be provided: birth certificate, baptismal record, naturalization record, or census record. One of the following **identity-related documents** must be provided: driver's license, passport, employment picture identification, or immigration record. All **records of previous marriages** must be provided, including divorce decrees and death certificates.

Please note that blood tests and physicals are not required in order to obtain a marriage license in New York State.

After a marriage license is issued, a mandatory 24-hour waiting period must be observed before the marriage ceremony may take place. The license will then be valid for a period of 60 days.

Age Restrictions

Certain additional requirements and restrictions are in place for people of a certain age.

- No additional documentation is required if both applicants are 21 or older.
- Individuals between the ages of 18-20 must supply an original or certified copy of their birth certificate.
- If both applicants are 18 or older, no consent is required in order to obtain the marriage license.
- If an individual is 17, both parents must sign a form of consent, or one parent may sign a form of consent upon showing proof of custody.
- If an individual is 15 or 16, consent is required from the Broome County Family Court or the Supreme Court.

Fee

The fee for a marriage license issued in New York State is \$40, payable by cash, money order or local check. No credit or debit cards are accepted in the City Clerk's Office.



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Ceremony Information

After the license is issued and the mandatory 24-hour waiting period is observed, a marriage ceremony may take place. Marriage licenses issued in New York State are valid for any ceremony taking place within New York State. The City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk are appointed marriage officers. During regular business hours, ceremonies may be performed by appointment for a fee of \$40. Outside of regular business hours, ceremonies may be performed by appointment for a fee of \$100. The City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk may only perform ceremonies within the City of Binghamton.

Certificate Information

After the ceremony, the certain information fields on the marriage license must be completed by the marriage officiate and at least one witness. The completed marriage license must then be delivered by mail or in person to the City Clerk's Office. A certificate will then be issued to the couple. This permanent record will be maintained on file with the City Clerk's Office, and a copy will be forwarded to the New York State Department of Health.