

Minnesota Marriage License Information

Applying for a License: You can apply for a marriage license in any Minnesota county if you are both 18 and will be married in Minnesota. You don't need to live in that county or in the State of Minnesota. The marriage license is valid anywhere in the State of Minnesota. A list of License offices where a marriage license can be purchased is on the back side of this page. You can also go on the Internet and check the county web sites for forms and information. The web sites are all [www.co.\(county's name\).mn.us](http://www.co.(county's name).mn.us) - for example www.co.hennepin.mn.us is Hennepin County.

Requirements : Only one party is required to apply in person, except in Hennepin County, where either both parties must be present at the time of application, or the party not present must sign the application and have his or her signature notarized. The applicant will be required to complete all information about both parties - full names before and after marriage, addresses, social security numbers, dates and places of birth. Identification requirements vary in each county. A valid driver's license, photo I.D., or certified copy of a birth certificate may be requested. Call for information before you go to the license center.

Special Conditions: If either applicant is under 18, has a criminal felony conviction, is widowed or divorced, special requirements may apply. A copy of a decree of dissolution, or a death certificate for a deceased spouse, may be required. You must list the date, county and state of a dissolution. Call the location where you will apply for more information.

Cost: The license fee is \$110.00. It's best to take cash or a credit card, if the license office accepts credit cards. If you pay by check, some counties may require a delay of three weeks before they will issue a Marriage License. Some counties charge \$5.00 more to mail the license. The \$110.00 fee can be cut to \$40.00 with 12 hours of premarital counseling.

Premarital Counseling: Premarital counseling is not required, but a reduced marriage license fee of \$40.00 is available if you have had 12 hours of premarital counseling. Request further information at the license office or contact Judge Tom Armstrong at tgarmstrong@comcast.net.

Waiting Period: No blood test is required, but there is a minimum five day waiting period after the day of application, if one party has a felony conviction and is requesting a name change there is a 30 day waiting period, and in some counties 21 days if you pay by check. The five day waiting period can be waived by a Judge. Contact Judge Armstrong if you need a five day waiver. Your license will be valid in any Minnesota county for six months after it's issued.

Marital Name Changes: If you intend to change your name at the time of marriage you will indicate this on the application for your marriage license. Judge Armstrong will file the completed Certificate of Marriage with the county which issued the license. That county will then mail you a certified copy you can use for changing your name. Social security, driver's license, passport, etc. will all have to be changed.

Judge Tom Armstrong 651-430-6335 or 651-773-4092
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Personalized Marriage Ceremonies at any location

www.tgarmstrong.com

Where to Purchase Marriage Licenses

Call or go to the county website for hours of operation. Some License Centers have evening and Saturday hours. County Websites are [www.co.name of county.mn.us](http://www.co.name_of_county.mn.us) - for example - www.co.washington.mn.us or www.co.anoka.mn.us

Anoka County

Anoka License Center
6111 Highway 10 #500
Ramsey, 763-576-5768

Blaine License Center

10995 Club West Pkwy, Suite 700
Blaine, 763-767-3889

Columbia Heights License Center

3982 Central Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, 763-789-7202

Coon Rapids License Center

455 99th Ave NW, Suite 100
Coon Rapids, 763-785-5999

Courthouse

Anoka Government Center
325 East Main St. W120
Anoka, 763-323-5201

Ham Lake License Center

17565 Central Ave. NE #330
Ham Lake, 763-413-9717

Carver County

Courthouse – Taxpayer Services
600 East Fourth Street
Chaska, 952-361-1930

Chisago County

Courthouse - Recorder - Rm 277
313 North Main Street
Center City, 651-213-8580

Dakota County

Hastings Government Center
1590 Highway 55 West
Hastings, 651-438-4313

Northern Service Center

One Mendota Road West
West St. Paul 651-554-6600

Western Service Center

County Road 42 & Galaxie
14955 Galaxie Avenue
Apple Valley, 952-891-7570

Hennepin County

Recording - 612-348-8240

Brookdale Service Center

6125 Shingle Creek Parkway
Brooklyn Center

Eden Prairie Service Center

479 Prairie Center Dr., Eden Pr.

Government Service Center

Government Center - 2nd Floor
300 So. 6th Street, Minneapolis

Maple Grove Service Center

9325 Upland Drive, Maple Grove

Midtown Exchange Service

Center – Greenway Level
2929 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.

Ridgedale Service Center

12601 Ridgedale Drive,
Minnetonka

Southdale Service Center

7009 York Avenue South, Edina

Isanti County

Courthouse - Recorder's Office
555 18th Avenue S.W.
Cambridge, 763-689-1191

Ramsey County

555 Cedar Street
10th & Cedar
St. Paul, 651-266-1333

Scott County

Courthouse
Customer Service Center
200 West Fourth Avenue
Shakopee, 952-496-8150

Sherburne County

Courthouse - Recorder's Office
13880 Highway 10
Elk River, 763-241-2915

Washington County

Cottage Grove Courthouse
8180 Belden Boulevard
Cottage Grove, 651-430-4000

Cottage Grove Service Center

13000 Ravine Parkway South
Cottage Grove 651-430-4075

Forest Lake Service Center

19955 Forest Road North
Forest Lake, 651-275-7333

Stillwater License Center

Valley Ridge
1520 West Frontage Road
Stillwater, 651-275-7000

Woodbury Service Center

2150 Radio Drive
Woodbury, 651-275-8600

Wright County

Courthouse, Room 160
10 Second Street NW
Buffalo, 763-682-7509

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