

County of Eau Claire
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# Applying for a Marriage License in Eau Claire County

If you meet the following requirements, please call **(715) 839-4801** to set up an appointment to apply for your marriage license during the hours 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday (excluding holidays).

# **WHEN / WHERE TO APPLY:**

A couple wanting to get married in Wisconsin can apply at any County Clerk's office in Wisconsin and the license would be valid anywhere in Wisconsin. Applying for a marriage license must be done at least 3 calendar days but not more than 63 calendar days before the ceremony. The license is issued 3 days after the day that you apply, then the license must be used within 60 days.

## **AGE REQUIREMENTS:**

No one under the age of 16 can get married in Wisconsin, regardless of circumstances. An applicant between the ages of 16 and 18 must obtain the consent of his/her parents or legal guardians. If both parents are deceased, the appointed legal guardian must sign.

# Below is a list of all documentation and personal information you will need to apply for a Marriage License in Wisconsin. Please bring them to your scheduled appointment.

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**Previous Marriage Dissolution Dates** 

Judgment of Divorce with Judge's Signature,

[OR] Certified Divorce Certificate

[OR] Legal Annulment

[OR] Death Certificate

**Certified Birth Record** (Not from hospital.) Must be issued by state or county with raised seal or colored background **[OR]** Passport if born **OUTSIDE** of the US

\*Mother's full birth name

\*Father's full birth name

**Social Security Number** 

**Date of Marriage** 

**Ceremony Location (county and city/town/village)** 

Officiant Name, Address & Phone Number

**Payment** (cash / local check / credit or debit card)

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# **PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND RESIDENCE:**

Both applicants must apply in person and present photo identification such as a driver's license, passport, alien card, or a school ID.

Both applicants must present proof of current address. A driver's license, ID card, lease agreement, bank statement or a bill may be used if it contains a current address.

#### **MARITAL STATUS:**

If either applicant has been previously married, a signed and dated copy of the divorce decree, certified divorce record, annulment or death certificate from the most recent marriage must be presented. A divorced person may not remarry until 6 months after the granting of the Judgement of Divorce regardless of where the action took place.

# **CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE\*:**

Both applicants <u>MUST</u> present a *CERTIFIED BIRTH RECORD*. A birth record is obtained from the county or state in which the birth occurred. *Hospital-issued certificates, photocopies, faxed copies, and notifications of birth registration are not birth records and are therefore unacceptable.* In Wisconsin you can get your birth record if born in Wisconsin from any county Register of Deeds office.

\*Passport may be used for someone NOT born in the United States. If a passport is used, please provide parents full birth names for the application

### **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:**

Applicants need to provide their Social Security numbers. We do not need to see the card.

#### **WEDDING DETAILS:**

Applicants will be asked the date of the wedding, location the wedding will take place (county and city, village, or township), and the officiant's name, address, and phone number.

### **FEES:**

The marriage license fee is \$95.00 payable with cash, local check, or debit/credit card (subject to convenience fee). There are no refunds, and we <u>cannot</u> accept out-of-state checks. A waiver for the 3-day waiting period may be issued for an additional \$10.00 fee.

### **COURTHOUSE MARRIAGES:**

The Eau Claire County Family Court Commissioner performs marriages in the Courthouse at no charge. An appointment may be made by calling (715) 839-6029. A listing of additional court commissioners can be found on the Eau Claire County website at <a href="https://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us">www.co.eau-claire.wi.us</a> under Our Government / Quick Links / Marriage License.

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