

Applying for a State of Michigan Marriage License

The marriage laws in the State of Michigan are:

1. Both parties must be at least 18 years of age at the time of application for the marriage license and must provide either a valid Drivers License or State ID, and Social Security numbers. It is strongly recommended that both parties apply in person.
2. **Michigan Residents** must apply for the marriage license in the county where they reside. Your license will be valid in any county in the State of Michigan.
Out-of-State residents must apply in the county where the marriage ceremony is to be performed.
3. The marriage license is valid for a total of 33 days, this includes a 3 day waiting period. Notify the clerk at the time of application if you have a need to waive this 3 day waiting period. **Please allow at least 45 minutes to 1 hour to process this paperwork.**
4. There is a **\$20** marriage license application fee for **Michigan residents**. **\$30 for Out-of-State residents**. The fee is payable at the time of application.
5. The marriage license can be applied for at the Battle Creek office, located at 161 East Michigan Avenue (Justice Complex), or at the Marshall office at 315 West Green Street (County Building). Both offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
6. A civil ceremony can be performed by the Magistrate in the Battle Creek District Court for a small fee. You will need to call (269) 969-6692 to schedule an appointment.

If you have any further questions, please call our office in Marshall at (269) 781-0718, or our Battle Creek office at (269) 969-6908.