

HOW DO I GET A MARRIAGE LICENSE?

(IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE)

1. If you are residents of the State of Maine, you only need to go to the City or Town Clerk's office in one of the towns that you reside in.

Example: Bride lives in Old Town, but Groom lives in Portland. You can go to either Old Town or Portland to file your intentions. You do not have to go to both places. Choose which town or city that is more convenient for you especially if you need certified copies at a later date. If you both live in the same Town or City, then you file there.

2. The Marriage Intentions form (form fillable) is available on this site to speed up the process. Please fill out in advance and print off before coming to City Hall. Do not sign it until you get in front of the City Clerk or her Deputy Clerk. Each license takes approximately 45 minutes.
3. If you are residents out of the State of Maine, you can go to any City or Town in the State of Maine to file your intentions and marry anywhere within the State.

Example: Bride and Groom live in California and are flying into Bangor. They can file their intentions at the City Clerk's Office there and then go to Bar Harbor to have someone perform the ceremony. Or, if Bride & Groom live in Portsmouth, NH but want to get married in Old Town but cannot get to Old Town before the wedding day, they can file their intentions in Kittery, Maine and then have the ceremony performed in Old Town. (We recommend however, that you file your intentions in the Town/City you are getting married in as that will be the place you remember best for getting certified copies at a later date.)

THERE IS NO LONGER A WAITING PERIOD FOR FILING THE INTENTIONS & PICKING UP THE LICENSE.

4. The license fee is \$40.00
5. If a prior marriage ended in either death or divorce, the clerk needs to see a **CERTIFIED** copy of the Death Certificate or Divorce Judgement. Photocopies are not acceptable.
6. The license is valid for 90 days.