

New Couple's Guide to Obtaining a Marriage License in Cumberland County

WHERE TO APPLY:

Office of *Cumberland County Clerk Joy Sutherland* in the Annex Building of the County of Cumberland, 140 Courthouse Square, Toledo, IL 62468 Phone (217) 849-2631. Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (No weekends or Holiday hours)

WHEN TO APPLY AND WHAT TO BRING:

Apply at least one calendar day prior to the wedding. A license to marry becomes effective one day after the date of issuance, and expires sixty (60) days after it becomes effective. Both parties must appear with proper identification at the County Clerk's Office to obtain the marriage License. A Driver's License or State Issued Photo ID is an acceptable form of identification. If a bride and/or groom has been married before and that marriage ended in divorce within the past six months, a copy of the divorce decree is also required to be provided - if the divorce was final longer than the past six months, just the date the divorce was final and the county and state it is filed in is required.

IMPORTANT:

Persons obtaining a Marriage License in Cumberland County **MAY NOT use the License in any other county.**

FEE:

The **\$38.00** fee will be payable in cash or personal check payable to Cumberland County Clerk and collected at the time of application.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

You **MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE.** You can be married at ages 16 or 17 in Illinois, but **BOTH NATURAL PARENTS (OR GUARDIAN) MUST** sign an affidavit in the County Clerk's Office or in front of a Notary Public at the time you apply for the License. If either parent cannot be located for written consent an affidavit provided by the County Clerk's Office must be completed by the consenting parent in the County Clerk's Office before the Marriage License will be issued.

PROOF OF AGE:

It will be necessary to show proof of age when applying for a Marriage License. If you are 18 years of age or older, a legal Photo ID or Driver's License is an acceptable proof of age, however if you are 16 or 17 years old, you will also need to provide a certified copy of your Birth certificate which will be examined to confirm the names of your consenting parents.

Medical Examination:

Since September, 1989, NO medical examination or blood tests are required to get a Marriage License.

NONRESIDENTS:

Nonresidents cannot obtain a Marriage License if the marriage would be **VOID** in their home state.

PERSONS WHO MAY NOT MARRY:

Blood relatives, down to and including first cousins **MAY NOT** marry under the laws of the State of Illinois unless they are both over the age of 50. However, a marriage between first cousins is not prohibited if either party is **permanently or irreversibly** sterile.

MARRIAGE BY A JUDGE AFTER OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE:

If you wish to be married by a Judge, make your arrangements prior to the ceremony by going to or calling the Judge's office 217 849-3871. The Judge marries couples on Monday afternoon, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 9:00 am to 3:45 pm. The day of the wedding you need to be in the Circuit Clerk's Office at least 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment to fill out paperwork. The fee for the ceremony is \$10.00. Witnesses are not necessary but it is necessary to keep wedding guests noise down as court proceedings are being conducted.

OBTAINING A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE:

A certified Copy (or copies) of your Marriage License may be obtained from the County Clerk's office, and pre-requested at the time you apply for your Marriage License, which will automatically be sent to you after you marriage. The fee for the **Certified Copy is \$12.00.**

