

To-Do List: Marriage License

- Find the marriage license bureau in the city or town *where you will marry*. (In the United States, look in the blue government section of the local white pages under "Marriage," or check online.) Phone: _____
- Call the marriage license bureau and ask:
 - Address: _____
 - Hours: _____ Best time to come: _____
 - Do you need blood tests to marry in that state? Y N
 - When must you apply? Within _____ weeks of wedding
 - Which of the following must you bring with you?
 - Certified copies of your birth certificates
 - Proof of citizenship
 - Government-issue photo ID (driver's license or passport)
 - Blood test results (if required)
 - Parental consent (if underage)
 - Death certificate (if widowed)
 - Divorce decree (if divorced)
 - How much will the license cost? \$._____
 - Payment options? check credit card cash
- Make appointments to get blood tests (if required)
 - Where: _____
 - Address: _____
 - Contact: _____
 - Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Time: _____
 - Cost: \$_____ Payment options? check credit card cash
- Pick up test results:
 - Date: _____ / _____ / _____
- Go in person (both of you) to apply for your license. Exactly when you go depends on the window of time (around your wedding date) that a license is valid in your state; it will probably be two or three weeks before.
- Give your marriage license to your officiant prior to or on your wedding day. He will sign it and file it with the proper office. A copy will be sent to you in a couple of weeks.
- File your license in a safe place.