

**What is the process to obtain a certified copy of a marriage license?**

Saint Louis County marriage license records are available at the Recorder of Deeds Office, dating from 1877 to the present.

To locate the correct license, it is helpful to provide the following:

Full name of the groom, full name of the bride at the time of the marriage ceremony, and the approximate date of the marriage ceremony. Requests may be made in person or by mail.

**Fees**

Photocopy of marriage license..... \$2  
Certified copy ..... \$9  
Authenticated copy ..... \$10

**For additional information, contact:**

Saint Louis County Dept. of Revenue  
Recorder of Deeds Office  
Fourth Floor  
41 South Central Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Or call:**

(314) 615-2500  
TTY (314) 615-3746

**Office hours:**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday

**Website:**

<http://revenue.stlouisco.com>

# MARRIAGE LICENSE SERVICES



*This brochure provides residents of  
Saint Louis County  
with information about process and  
services regarding  
**Marriage Licenses***

Saint Louis  
**COUNTY**  
**REVENUE**

### [Do We Need a Marriage License?](#)

In order to be legally married in the State of Missouri, a marriage license must be obtained prior to the ceremony. The marriage license is valid in any county in Missouri, but is valid **ONLY** in Missouri.

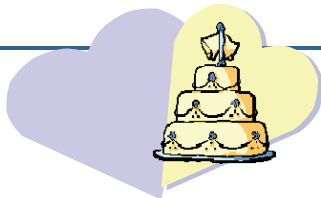
### [How do we apply for a Marriage License?](#)

The bride and groom must appear in person (at the same time) at the Recorder of Deeds Office, Lawrence K. Roos County Government Building, Fourth Floor, 41 South Central Ave., Clayton, MO 63105.

The marriage license section is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

### [What information is required to apply for a Marriage License?](#)

Both parties must be at least 18 years of age. Each applicant must present some form of government issued (federal or state) identification (e.g. valid driver's license, a state identification card, a passport, etc.). Also, each applicant must provide proof of a valid social security number if the government issued identification does not contain a social security number. If an applicant does not have a social security number, a statement must be signed stating that fact. Blood tests are **NOT** required to apply for a marriage license.



### [How much does a Marriage License cost?](#)

The fee for a marriage license application is \$45. Payment is accepted in **CASH ONLY**. The fee is non-refundable. A keepsake certificate of marriage may be purchased for an additional \$1.

### [How soon may we be married after we apply for a Marriage License?](#)

Couples apply and obtain their marriage license on the same day as long as they are getting married within 30 days of the application date. The marriage ceremony **must occur within 30 days** from the date of issuance or the license is void.



### [How do we arrange a civil ceremony?](#)

Saint Louis County Circuit Court judges perform civil marriage ceremonies every Wednesday (excluding holidays) from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Saint Louis County Courts Building, 7900 Carondelet Ave. (building next to the Lawrence K. Roos County Government Building). Applicants must arrive by noon with the marriage license and two witnesses. Also, an appointment can be made directly with a municipal judge to perform a civil marriage ceremony. Contact your municipality for more information.

### [How does the bride change her name after the marriage ceremony?](#)

A certified copy of the marriage license should be ordered when applying for the marriage license if the bride plans to change her name after the marriage ceremony. The bride needs to present (but not surrender) the certified copy at a Social Security office or a Missouri Department of Revenue (motor vehicle and driver licensing) office.