

## Getting married in Kentucky - what do you need to know?

Marriage licenses are issued in the County Clerk's office in each county. If you have any questions, please contact the county clerk's office in your area. Both bride and groom must appear together. **The license is valid for 30 days** from the date of issuance and the license fee is non-refundable. **The license must be used within the State of Kentucky.**

### Age requirements

You must be 18 years of age to be married in Kentucky without parental consent. Applicants 16 & 17 years old must have parental consent and the license issued in the county of residence of the under aged applicant. If both applicants are under age, the application needs to be made in the bride's county of residence. No one under the age of 16 may be issued a license unless they are pregnant and have a District Court Judge issue a court order directing the Clerk to do so.

### Procedures

No waiting period or blood test is required prior to issuance of a marriage license. The bride and groom complete an application. Information needed (from both bride & groom) to complete the application includes:

- Name & address
- Date of birth & age
- Place of Birth (If in KY give county, in another state give state)
- Father's name
- Mother's first & maiden name
- Current status of bride & groom (Single, Divorced, Annulled, Widowed)
- Number of previous marriages of bride & groom
- Occupations of bride & groom
- Race of bride & groom

- Whether bride & groom are related (First & second cousins are not permitted to marry in Kentucky)
- Date of marriage