

Marriage License Requirements

The following is required at the time a couple applies for a marriage license:

- Both applicants must appear in person.
- Marriage licenses must be purchased at any time before the ceremony.
- The license is valid for a ceremony taking place anywhere within the State of New Mexico. The signed license must be returned to the County Clerk's Office within 90 days of the ceremony for recording.
- \$25 cash, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover;
- Proof of age and identity required (proof of age and identity is normally satisfied with a government-issued photo ID);
- If a government issued photo ID is not available, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate must be presented;
- Must know your Social Security Number

Minor Applicants

For applicants who are 16 or 17 years old, in addition to the above requirements, you must have:

- 1) An original or certified copy of your birth certificate.
- 2) Written consent of each living parent listed on the birth certificate. If a government issued photo ID is not available, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate must be presented. Written consent may be provided in person at the Clerk's Office or through a notarized statement. If a parent is deceased, a certified copy of the death certificate is required. If a parent is not deceased and is unable or unwilling to provide written consent, authorization to issue the marriage license must be provided by a District Judge.

Applicants Under 16

A District Court order is required (no alternative) for individuals under the age of 16, along with the documents listed above.