

State of Maine
Marriage License Requirements & Information
(for weddings in Acadia National Park, see link below)

- The marriage license fee is \$40 to get married in Maine. For preferred methods of payment, contact the Municipal Clerk's office.
- ALL persons wishing to be married in the State of Maine must apply for a marriage license from the Municipal Clerk's office.
- Applicants must be over 18 years old to apply for a marriage application in Maine.
- Photo ID (Driver's License, Passport or State ID with picture)
- No blood tests are required.
- There is no waiting period in Maine to get married.
- Be sure to contact the Municipal Clerk's office well in advance of the wedding to find out on what days and during what hours the Clerk will be in the office.

Under 18

- If either applicant is under the age of 18, they must have consent from the parent(s) or legal guardian before the marriage license can be issued. The parent(s) or guardian may appear in person before the municipal clerk where the license was applied for and give consent, or they may give consent in writing before a notary public to be presented to the clerk.
- If either applicant is under the age of 16, the Municipal Clerk must notify the Judge of Probate when marriage intentions are filed in their office. If no written consent from the judge has been received by the 30th day after the intentions form is filed, consent shall be considered as received and the clerk may issue the license.

Cousin marriages are allowed as per the following:

If the parties recording notice of their intentions to marry are related (first cousins) as described in Title 19-A, section 701, subsection 2, the parties shall submit to the clerk, at the time of recording their intentions to marry, a certificate from a physician stating that the parties have received genetic counseling from the physician.

Proxy Marriages and **Common Law Marriages** are not allowed.

File a marriage intentions application (this is not the license).

- This must be done before a license may be issued.
 - Out-of-state residents must file their intentions to marry in any State of Maine municipal office.
 - Residents of the State of Maine must file their intentions to marry in the office of the clerk of the municipality in which at least one of them resides.
 - If only one of the parties resides in Maine, intentions to marry must be filed in the office of the clerk of the municipality in which the resident party resides.
 - ***Previous Marriages***
 - If you have been married before and are divorced, you must show a certified copy (raised seal) of your last divorce decree to the Clerk.
 - An annulment decree is required if the last marriage ended in annulment. This should not be a church annulment but a civil decree.
 - If your last spouse has died, you will need to show a certified copy of the death certificate for the deceased spouse.

Getting the marriage license

- Both parties must sign the license in the presence of the Municipal Clerk before it can be issued.
- It is important that you verify all information with the Municipal Clerk's office before making a trip to purchase your marriage license.
- **License Validity** - The license is valid in any community in Maine for a period of **90 days** (not 3 months) from the date the intentions are filed.

After intentions are filed and the license is issued, the parties may marry anywhere within the State of Maine.

***The officiant must have the license in their possession prior to the ceremony!
It is your responsibility to make sure this happens.***

The officiant is legally responsible for returning the marriage certificate to the issuing municipal clerk within seven days of the ceremony.

Witnesses

- The ceremony must be witnessed by at least two people who are physically present at the ceremony.
- The officiant may not be a witness.

Authorized Officiants

- Ordained ministers of the gospel;
- A person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious seminary or ecclesiastical body;
- Judges or justices (Maine residents only);
- Lawyers admitted to the Maine Bar (Maine residents only); or
- State of Maine Licensed Marriage Officiants (Maine residents)

Name Change

Getting a marriage license with your new name on it does not mean your name has automatically changed. Many items will need a certified (raised seal) copy of your marriage license. Items include but are not limited to: Social Security; passport; IRS; driver's license; vehicle title; US Postal Service; banks; credit cards; utilities; leases. Agencies will not accept a photocopy from you. They will make a photocopy and return your certified copy to you.

For weddings in Acadia National Park

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/weddings.htm>

Be aware of parking limitations when planning your venue.