



## City of Providence

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### Marriage License Requirements

**A marriage license is required to get married in the City of Providence.**

Both applicants must appear in person and provide all required documents listed below.

[Marriage License Application Checklist | Documents Required for Both Applicants](#)

**CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

- Must list parent name(s)
- ***Photocopies are not accepted***

**VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED FORM OF ID WITH PHOTO**

- Driver 's license
- Passport
- State ID
- PVD Municipal ID

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY (SHOWING CURRENT ADDRESS):**

- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Car registration
- Tax return
- Pay stub

**IF PREVIOUSLY MARRIED:**

- Certified *final* divorce decree **or**
- Certified death certificate

**IF DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN ENGLISH:**

- Certified translation **and**
- Original documents

*Translations must be completed by a certified translator.*

The completed and signed marriage license must be returned as soon as possible after the ceremony to the Vitals Records Office. Marriage Officiants may return the marriage license via mail or in person during regular business hours.

**DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS**

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**FEE AND ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT:**

- \$24.00 (check or money order)
- \$25.00 (debit or credit card)
- *Cash is not accepted*

**APPLICATION HOURS:**

- Monday–Friday: **9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**
- July & August: **9:00 AM – 3:00 PM** (City Hall summer schedule)
- No appointment necessary

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Residential eligibility:
  - Providence resident(s) – ceremony may be performed in any city or town in the State of Rhode Island
  - Out-of-state residents – ceremony must be performed within the City of Providence
- All applicants must be 18 years of age or older
- Marriage License expiration – the marriage license expires within three months from the date of issuance
- Documents presented at the time of application not in English – must be certified by a translator and notarized
- All documents must be certified copies or originals. No photocopies will be accepted. Certified documents must have official seals

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