

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS  
Eau Claire County Courthouse  
721 Oxford Avenue Room 3350  
Eau Claire, WI 54703**

**Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Questions can be addressed to (715) 839-4801**

**WHEN AND WHERE DO WE APPLY?**

*Wisconsin residents who will be getting married in Wisconsin must apply at the County Clerk's office in the county where one of the applicants has lived for the last 30 days; this license is valid anywhere in Wisconsin.*

*If applicants are getting married in Wisconsin, but NEITHER has lived in Wisconsin for the past 30 days, they must apply in person in the county where the ceremony will be performed.*

*Applicants must apply at least 7 calendar days but not more than 35 days before the ceremony. After application, the license is issued 5 days from that date; then the license must be used within 30 days.*

**INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS NEEDED**

(Any documents not in English must be translated and certified)

*All applicants must exhibit a **CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE**. A certified birth certificate is obtained from the Register of Deeds office in the county in which the birth occurred. Hospital-issued certificates, faxed copies, photocopies and notifications of birth registration are not certified birth certificates and are, therefore, unacceptable.*

*\*\*Passport can be used for someone not born in the United States.*

*Both applicants must apply in person and present photo identification such as a driver's license, passport, alien card or a school ID.*

*Both applicants must present proof of current address. A current address is where an applicant has actually lived for the past 30 days. A driver's license, ID card, lease agreement, bank statement or a bill may be used if it contains a current address.*

*If either applicant has been previously married, a signed and dated copy of the divorce decree, annulment or death certificate from the most recent marriage must be presented. A divorced person may not remarry until 6 months after the granting of the Judgment of Divorce regardless of where the action took place.*

*Applicants need to provide their Social Security numbers.*

*Applicants will be asked the date of the wedding, where the wedding will take place (city, village or township) name of the church, home or facility and the officiant's name, address and phone number.*

**MINIMUM AGE TO MARRY**

*No one under the age of 16 can get married in Wisconsin, regardless of circumstances. An applicant between the ages of 16 and 18 must obtain the consent of his/her parents or legal guardians. If both parents are deceased, the appointed legal guardian must sign.*

**CAN I GET MARRIED IN THE COURTHOUSE?**

*The Family Court Commissioner, Nathan Novak, performs marriages in the Courthouse at no charge. An appointment may be made by calling (715) 839-6029.*

**FEES**

*The marriage license fee is currently \$95.00. There are no refunds and **we cannot accept out-of-state checks**. Payments can be made by cash, local check or credit card (**credit card payments will be charged a convenience fee**).*



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Division of Public Health  
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## INFORMATION FOR MARRIAGE APPLICANTS AND OFFICIANTS

- Applicants or officiants who have questions or concerns regarding the officiant's authority to perform marriages in Wisconsin should seek legal counsel. Information as to the validity of any specific religious organization or any ordination process is not available from the County Clerk's Office or from the State Vital Records Office.
- The Wisconsin Marriage License/Marriage Certificate Worksheet document has two sections: the marriage license, which is completed by the County Clerk; and the marriage certificate worksheet, which is completed by the officiant.
- Applicants must sign the marriage license section before the ceremony, preferably in the County Clerk's Office.
- Marriage by proxy, by phone/internet camera hook-up, or by other electronic device is prohibited in Wisconsin. The couple, officiant, and two competent adult witnesses must be physically present together at the time of the ceremony in order for the marriage to be legal.
- It is permissible to make copies of the Wisconsin Marriage License/Marriage Certificate Worksheet.
- If the Wisconsin Marriage License/Marriage Certificate Worksheet document is misplaced or ruined, contact the issuing County Clerk's Office immediately for instructions. Counties may charge a fee to replace the document.
- The couple will not automatically receive a certified copy of the Original Certificate of Marriage. An Original Certificate of Marriage is a permanent legal document derived from the Wisconsin Marriage License/Marriage Certificate Worksheet document. Certified copies of the Original Certificate of Marriage may be needed for proof of name change, proof for insurance coverage, overseas travel, and other legal purposes. Upon registration of the license/certificate worksheet document, the couple may purchase certified copies of their Original Certificate of Marriage from any Wisconsin Register of Deeds office or from the State Vital Records Office. It is illegal to make photocopies of the Original Certificate of Marriage.
- Corrections to fields completed by the officiant can be made on a registered certificate and do not require a court order if the request is received by the State Vital Records Office within 365 days of the marriage. The Officiant Amendment Request form is available from the Register of Deeds office, the State Vital Records Office, or on the web at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/f01481.pdf>.
- Corrections to the couple's information can be made on a registered certificate if the request is received by the State Vital Records Office within 365 days of the marriage. Contact the County Clerk's Office in the county where the marriage license was issued for information on requesting an amendment.
- For information on Alcohol and Drug Use during Pregnancy: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/P-20465.htm>
- For Wisconsin laws and penalties on marriage: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/765>

## OFFICIANT INFORMATION

- Officiants must ensure that the parties have a valid Wisconsin marriage license to marry before performing the marriage ceremony.
- The officiating person shall determine that the parties presenting themselves to be married are the parties named on the marriage license.
- An officiant must be at least 18 years old.
- It is permissible to have two officiants perform a marriage ceremony.
- The completed Wisconsin Marriage License/Marriage Certificate Worksheet must be returned to the Register of Deeds in the county of marriage for registration within three days after the date of the marriage.

See Reverse Side for Officiant Instructions for Completing the  
Wisconsin Marriage License/Marriage Certificate Worksheet



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICIANTS

### FOR COMPLETING THE WISCONSIN MARRIAGE LICENSE/MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE WORKSHEET

- Officiants must ensure all items are completed correctly in the Officiant section of the Wisconsin Marriage License/Marriage Certificate Worksheet (F-05060) for any marriage ceremony performed in Wisconsin.
- Cross-outs and clearly written corrections are allowed.
- All signatures must be original; stamped signatures are prohibited.

### Review, correct, or complete all items legibly and accurately.

8. **DATE OF MARRIAGE (MM/DD/YYYY)**  
Review and correct, if necessary, the month, day, and year the marriage was performed.
9. **COUNTY OF MARRIAGE**  
Review and correct, if necessary, the name of the county where the marriage ceremony was performed. The county must be a Wisconsin county.
10. **CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP OF MARRIAGE**  
Review, correct, or print the city, village, or township where the ceremony occurred. Do not use unincorporated places. Place an "X" in the appropriate box for "City," "Village," or "Township." NOTE: If a couple will be married in a moving conveyance, the place of marriage is where the couple exits the conveyance after the ceremony.
11. **OFFICIANT SIGNATURE**  
Sign in the space provided. If there are two Officiants, both may sign. When the marriage is performed by the two parties themselves, both parties sign as Officiants.
12. **OFFICIANT NAME (Print or Type)**  
Review, correct, or print the Officiant name. If there are two Officiants, both names may be printed. When the marriage is performed by the two parties themselves, print both parties' names.
13. **OFFICIANT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)**  
Review, correct, or print the mailing address, including ZIP Code, of the Officiant. If there are two Officiants, both addresses may be printed. This address should identify where business mail is to be sent in the event a Register of Deeds has a question about this record.
14. **OFFICIANT PHONE**  
Review, correct, or print the phone number of the Officiant. If there are two Officiants, both phone numbers may be printed.
15. **OFFICIANT EMAIL**  
Review, correct, or print the email address of the Officiant. If there are two Officiants, both email addresses may be printed.
16. **ADULT WITNESS 1 TO CEREMONY (Sign and Print Name)**  
A competent adult (at least 18 years old) witness must sign and print his or her name in the space provided.
17. **ADULT WITNESS 2 TO CEREMONY (Sign and Print Name)**  
A second competent adult (at least 18 years old) witness must sign and print his or her name in the space provided.