



Obtaining a Marriage License

Marriage licenses are issued by the Town Clerk's office:

1. When Middletown is the official residence of the bride and the wedding is to take place in Rhode Island,
2. When Middletown is the official residence of the groom, the bride resides out of state and the marriage is to take place in Rhode Island,
3. When both the bride and groom reside out of state and the marriage is to take place in the Town of Middletown.

The licensing process takes approximately thirty (30) minutes. The bride and groom must appear together at the Town Clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday and complete the RI State Marriage Application form.

Each must present a certified copy of his/her birth record from the city or town in which they were born, as well as an official picture ID (such as driver's license or military ID). We will also accept a valid passport for those persons who do not have a birth certificate.

If either party has been previously married, a certified copy of a death certificate or a certified copy of a final divorce decree must be presented. A decree that states the divorce is granted "Nisi" cannot be accepted. The document must have a court entry date of the final/absolute decree of divorce.

The fee for a marriage license is \$24.00 (payable by check, cash or money order) and is valid for 90 days. Please note: Town Clerks in Rhode Island cannot officiate at marriages; Couples must make arrangements with a person in Rhode Island, who, by Rhode Island State Law, qualifies to join couples in marriage in civil ceremony. (Ordained clergy and elders in good standing need not be Rhode Island residents, nor, are they required to register in order to unite couples in marriage). In addition to the officiant, two witnesses who are 18 or over must be present at the marriage.

[Marriage License Requirements in Rhode Island.](#)