

Application Checklist

Apply between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday. To avoid distractions, it is requested that only the couple is present for the application.

Wedding date

Application cannot be made until the ceremony has been scheduled, even if the wedding is at the courthouse.

Certified birth certificates

Photocopies, hospital certificates, baptismal certificates and state notifications of birth registration are not acceptable.

Unexpired picture IDs

Driver's licenses, state ID cards and passports are acceptable.

Proof of residency

If the picture IDs do not contain the current addresses, one applicant will need three recently dated bills or other official correspondence. Mail addressed to a post office box is unacceptable.

Social Security numbers

Cards are not necessary.

Proof of how last marriages ended

Signed and dated judgment of divorce or legal annulment papers, or certified death certificates must be shown.

Ceremony information

The officiant's name, address and phone number are required, as is the wedding location, including the county and city, village or town name.

Waiting period

Application needs to be made one week to one month before the wedding.

Application fee

The fee is \$100 cash, no checks, or \$103 with a card. After the waiting period, the license can be picked up or mailed. There is a \$3 mailing fee, cash only, due at the time of application.

Information Guide

Application: The couple must apply together. Appointments are not necessary.

Age: Any person who has attained the age of 18 may marry if otherwise competent. If a person is between the ages of 16 and 18, the license will be issued only with the written consent of parents, guardian or custodian. If the parents are divorced, proof must be provided showing legal guardianship. If one parent is deceased, a certified death certificate is necessary.

Residency: Application must be made in the county in which one of the parties has lived for at least 30 days. If both parties are residents of other states, application must be made in the county where the ceremony is to be held. If neither person has been a resident of any county for 30 days prior to applying, application must also be made in the county where the ceremony is to be held.

Divorced persons: A person who is divorced is prohibited from marrying until six months after the date the divorce was granted.

Wis. Stat. § 765.03(2): It is unlawful for any person who is or has been a party of an action for divorce in any court in this state or elsewhere to marry again until six months after judgment of divorce is granted, and the marriage of any such person solemnized before the expiration of six months from the date of the granting of judgment of divorce shall be void.

Officiants: Wis. Stat. § 765.16 details who may perform marriages. Couples questioning an officiant's authority to marry are encouraged to seek legal counsel. There are no officiant registration requirements in Wisconsin.

Waiting period: A six-day waiting period is required by law. A waiver may be obtained by nonresidents of Wisconsin for an additional fee. The license is valid for 30 days after the date of issuance and the marriage must be performed within that period.

Foreign languages: If either party does not speak or understand English, a third party interpreter must be present at the time of application. If documents are in another language, there must be a certified translation or an uninterested party must be present to translate.

Officiant Options

COURTROOM WEDDINGS

Judges

Gary R. Sharpe ~ (920) 929-3189 {no Fridays}
Jerome Jaye ~ (920) 924-2479 {some Mondays}

Court Commissioners

Chelsea Brockner ~ (920) 929-3150
Meggin McNamara ~ (920) 929-3150

WEDDINGS ELSEWHERE

Judge Jerome Jaye ~ (920) 924-2479

Court Commissioners

William Buchholz ~ (920) 342-9736
Scot Mortier ~ (920) 979-1861
Steven Sorenson ~ (920) 748-2841
Alexander Ullenberg ~ (920) 924-9878
Ludwig Wurtz ~ (920) 745-2800

Vital Records

How to obtain birth certificates:

If the birth occurred in Wisconsin, contact any Register of Deeds in the state.

Register of Deeds
160 S. Macy Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Telephone: (920) 929-3018

If the birth occurred in another state, go to:
www.cdc.gov/nchs.

How to obtain death certificates:

If the death occurred after Sept. 1, 2013, contact any Register of Deeds in the state. If the death occurred before that date, contact the Register of Deeds in the county of death or go to:
www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords.

If the death occurred in another state, go to:
www.cdc.gov/nchs.

How to obtain divorce judgments:

If the divorce occurred in **Fond du Lac County**, contact:

Clerk of Courts
160 S. Macy Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Telephone: (920) 929-3038

If the divorce occurred elsewhere in Wisconsin, contact the Clerk of Courts in that county or go to: www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords.

If the divorce occurred in another state, go to:
www.cdc.gov/nchs.

After the Wedding

- ✓ **Purchase a certified copy of your marriage license:** Your license is to be filed in the county where you were married within three days after the ceremony. If it has not been filed, please contact your officiant. A certified copy can be purchased from any Register of Deeds in the state.
- ✓ **Change your Social Security card:** Visit your local Social Security office to change your name free of charge. A step-by-step guide is available at www.socialsecurity.gov.
- ✓ **Change your driver's license:** Visit the Department of Motor Vehicles to get a new license.
- ✓ **Change your voter information:** Update your voter registration with your name and address changes. This can be done with your municipal or county clerk after you've changed your driver's license.

The regulations contained in this pamphlet are governed by the laws of the state of Wisconsin. These regulations are the same statewide. The cost of a marriage license and waiver may vary from county to county.

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Marriage License Information

Lisa Freiberg
Fond du Lac County Clerk

City-County Government Center
160 S. Macy Street
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

(920) 929-3000

www.fdlco.wi.gov

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