

## APPLICATION

Anyone wishing to marry in Pennsylvania **MUST OBTAIN A PA MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

Applicants will submit the application online by downloading the free "**Adams County Clerk of Courts**" mobile app or by going to [www.adamscountypa.gov](http://www.adamscountypa.gov); County Government; Clerk of Orphans' Court, Marriage Services.

After completing the application, applicants must upload their government issued photo ID and Certified Copies of their Divorce Decree and/or Death Certificate (if applies).

Next, applicants will schedule their video appointment via our mobile app or website. **BOTH applicants MUST APPEAR** together by video to complete the remainder of the marriage license application process.

Applicants will receive e-notification regarding payment.

Once the application is complete, the marriage license will become valid after the three-day (3) waiting period. The license is valid for sixty (60) days.

Birth Certificates are required only when applicants have none of the above.

**All ID's must be in English or be accompanied by a certified English translation.**

**Applicants must provide a Social Security number** (federal & state mandates for US citizens). **If you lost your card, you must contact the Social Security Office for WRITTEN verification.**

## REQUIREMENTS

All applicants **must be 18 years of age** to obtain a marriage license.

Be prepared to provide the full name, mailing address, occupation, and birthplace of each parent

**Pennsylvania does NOT require premarital blood testing or physical examinations.**

## WHERE TO APPLY

**APPLICANTS MAY APPLY IN ANY COUNTY WITHIN PENNSYLVANIA AND USE THE LICENSE IN ANY COUNTY IN PENNSYLVANIA.**

Contact the county where you plan to apply for application instructions.

Video appointments occur **ONLY** between 8:30 AM and 3:45 PM, Monday through Friday except holidays.

## WHEN TO APPLY

**Application must be made within 60 days of the wedding date**

Marriage licenses are valid for 60 days from date of issuance and may be used anywhere in PA.

**PA law requires a minimum 3-day waiting period after application is made before the license can be issued.**

## WHO MAY NOT MARRY

Persons related by blood as first cousins or closer may not marry in PA. Other prohibitions and policies are available in the Clerk of Courts Office.

## REMARRIAGES

Applicants who have previously married **MUST HAVE:**

1. **CERTIFIED copy of death certificate** (if widowed)

**OR:**

2. **CERTIFIED copy of Divorce Decree dated more than 30 days prior to application date.** \*

**\*If applicant is divorced and has changed their name, they must have documentation of same.**

Applicant must obtain a **CERTIFIED** copy of the decree (with a court seal). **Photocopies are NOT acceptable.**

Foreign divorce Decrees **MUST HAVE** a **CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION** attached.

3. Civil annulments require same documentation as divorces. (Church annulments are NOT accepted)

## FEES

Marriage license application is \$83.00 payable by cash, check, or credit card and includes a certified copy of the license. Payment is required by 8:15 a.m. the day of video appointment. There is a \$39.00 return check fee if the bank returns the check or credit card payment for any reason.

Certifications of Marriage will be mailed within 5 days after receipt of marriage license return. Additional copies can be obtained Online by going to [www.adamscountypa.gov](http://www.adamscountypa.gov).

Application fee is non-refundable.

**Waiver of three (3) day waiting period is \$5.00 (not included in \$83.00) Please contact Court Administration for Waiver at 717-337-9846.**

## OUT-OF-STATE MARRIAGES

Anyone wishing to marry outside Pennsylvania must contact that state, territory, country, etc., directly. Legal requirements of that jurisdiction apply.

## QUESTIONS

Applicants may call the Clerk of Courts Office at 717-337-9806.

## PREMARITAL CHECKLIST

### DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING?

\_\_\_ VALID identification (Any 1 of these)

- *Photo driver's license*
- *State PennDot photo ID card*
- *Certified birth certificate*
- *Active military ID*

\_\_\_ Social Security NUMBER

\_\_\_ Payment for license fee (must be paid before 8:15am the day of video appointment or your video **must** be rescheduled)

\_\_\_ Certified Divorce Decrees (if applicable)

\_\_\_ Certified Name Change (if applicable)

\_\_\_ Certified Death Certificate (if applicable)

\_\_\_ Full name, address, occupation, birthplace of each parent (regardless of age)

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# *MARRY?*



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**Application hours 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM**