

GETTING MARRIED IN MASSACHUSETTS

All people who marry in Massachusetts must have a marriage license issued in Massachusetts. An out-of-state license cannot be used.

General Requirements:

- You both must apply in person for a marriage license. This requirement is the same for both residents and non-residents of the Commonwealth.
- You must jointly file intentions to marry and may do so with the city or town clerk in any community in the state.
- A pre-marital blood test is no longer required as of January 28, 2005.
- There is a mandatory 3 day waiting period. While Sundays and holidays are included in the 3 days, the day the intention is made is not.
- The marriage may take place anywhere in Massachusetts during the 60 days after the intentions are filed and after satisfying the 3 day waiting period.
- The fee of \$25.00 is due at the time of filing intentions.

It is suggested that the Party A or Party B call the Town Clerk's Office to confirm the requirements for obtaining a marriage license as there are exceptions to the general requirements printed above.

If either party is foreign born we request that you bring a copy of the birth certificate for verification of spelling, etc. We do not keep the certificate.

Town Clerk
78 Main Street
978-568-9615

Office hours: Monday through Friday
8AM to 4:30 PM
Open last day of discount on light bill: 8AM to 8PM