



REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES IN EL PASO COUNTY, TX

COUNTY CLERK DELIA BRIONES

Vital Department: (915) 546-2071

OBTAINING YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE:

A marriage license is required for any individuals wishing to wed. You can usually obtain a marriage license from the El Paso County Clerk's Office located at several satellite locations throughout El Paso County. However, for the month of June and July same sex marriage licenses will only be provided at the El Paso County Courthouse in order to meet the initial demand.

LOCATION: 500 E. San Antonio
1st Floor Suite 105
El Paso, TX 79901

HOURS: 800am – 5:30pm

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

1. FEE: \$82.00 (Additional charge of \$1.95 with debit and credit card usage)
2. PROOF OF IDENTITY:
 - Must submit one form of identity. Most commonly utilized are:
 - State-issued driver's license or ID card that is current or not more than two years expired;
 - A current U.S. or foreign passport;
 - An unexpired U.S. birth certificate, Certificate of Naturalization, Permanent Resident Card, Temporary Resident Card, Employment Authorization Card or other document issued by the federal U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Department of State. Foreign birth certificates are accepted along with a valid state issued ID;
 - Unexpired military I.D. for active duty, reserve, or retired personnel with an identification photograph.
 - *Other forms of identification may be utilized. For questions on whether your form of identification is a valid, contact the County Clerk's Vitals division at (915) 546-2071 or you can reference the list provided in the [Texas Family Code, Section 2.005](#).*
3. AGE REQUIREMENTS: Those 18 years of age or older may follow the stated guidelines. If the individual is between the ages of 16-17 both parents must consent, other requirements will apply to include additional documentation. Contact the County Clerk's Vitals division for questions regarding the marriage of minors.

STEPS TO OBTAIN LICENSE:

The Clerk will ask both parties several questions under oath. The couple will be asked to verify their information for accuracy and once finalized, each will be asked to sign the document. If the marriage license is being issued for a same sex couple, individuals may be asked to strike the gender on the form and place the appropriate gender next to your personal information.

HOW SOON AFTER OBTAINING THE MARRIAGE LICENSE CAN WE GET MARRIED?

You can get married beginning 72 hours after you get your marriage license. The marriage license is valid for 90 days. The individual conducting the wedding must complete the license and return it to the County Clerk's office within 30 days after the ceremony is conducted.

The 72 hour timeframe can be waived if you qualify under one of the exceptions listed below:

1. A qualified District or County Court at Law Judge may issue a waiver to permit a marriage to take place before the 72 hours period if good cause is found. The Judge has the option to approve the waiver or deny the request. A Justice of the Peace is not able to provide a waiver.
2. Automatic Waivers are granted if:
 - You are a member of the United States Armed Forces and you are on active duty;
 - You work for the U.S. Department of Defense as an employee or under contract;
 - You have completed a premarital education course, including Texas Twogether.