



## Obtaining a Marriage License



There's one item on your list that is highly important but your wedding planner cannot do for you. The responsibility of getting a Washington State marriage license is entirely in the hands of the engaged couple. Since there is a limited window when the license is valid, be certain you obtain your license at the appropriate time.

### Things to Know

- ♥ **Both parties must be at least 18 years old.**
- ♥ **No blood tests, identification, birth certificates, or divorce papers are required (though a divorce must be final and filed before making application).**
- ♥ **No witnesses are required.**
- ♥ **Washington State law requires a 3-day waiting period before the marriage license becomes valid.**
- ♥ **The license is valid for only 60 days and the marriage ceremony must occur before the license expires.**
- ♥ **A \$60 fee must accompany your application (personal checks are not accepted).**
- ♥ **Applications may be made in person (requires both persons to be present) or by mail (mail applications require notarization).**
- ♥ **Marriage licenses are not mailed and must be picked up in person.**
- ♥ **The license is valid, and the ceremony may be performed, anywhere in Washington State.**

**To:**

- download a copy of the Marriage License Application
- view a list of judges who perform marriage ceremonies
- find application outlets and hours
- get name change information
- request copies of your marriage license
- answer general questions regarding marriage licenses

**Visit:**

**[www.metrokc.gov/lars/marriage](http://www.metrokc.gov/lars/marriage) and/or**

**<http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Auditor/Divisions/Licensing/Marriage>**

**For additional questions regarding marriage licenses call #206.296.4021**



**P.S. Congratulations!**