

Q. Must I Take the Premarital Preparation Course?

A: No, but you must wait three days from the marriage license issuance date and pay the full price of \$93.50.

Couples who are Florida residents and have both taken a marriage preparation course, pay a discounted fee of \$61.00 with a valid certificate of completion. Discounted fee does not apply if only one person completed the course. Non-residents do not qualify for the discounted fee.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk's Office, LibertyCounty, P.O. Box 399, Bristol, FL 32321, (850) 643-2215, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Contact:

Liberty County Clerk of Court

Marriage/Passports

Liberty County Courthouse

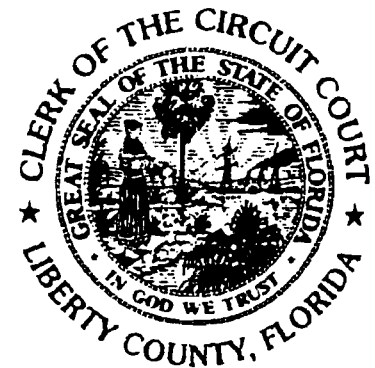
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**A GUIDE TO
MARRIAGE
&
PASSPORTS**



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Q: Who May Apply For A Marriage License?

A: Any male or female age 18 or over.
A minor whose parents are deceased and no guardian is appointed.
Minors, who under oath, swear that they are parents or expectant parents of a child. In addition, the pregnancy must be verified by a written statement of a licensed physician, the county court judge may, in his/her discretion, issue a license to marry.
A previously married minor.
A person age 16 or 17 with parental or guardian consent.

Q: Where Consent Is Required, Is Consent Of Both Parents Required?

A: Yes, unless the parents are divorced and the custody and control is placed in one parent, then only the parent having such custody and consent. Written consent of an incompetent parent is not required (Attorney General Opinion 49-122). All written consents must be notarized.

Q: Are Blood Test and Physical Exams Required?

A: No, The law requiring these test was abolished October 1, 1986.

Q: Must I Apply For A Marriage License In The County Where I Live?

A: No. A marriage license may be applied for and solemnized in any Florida County.

Q: Where Can I Apply For A Marriage License in Liberty County?

A: Marriage license may be obtained Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office in the Liberty County Courthouse.

Q: How Long Is A Marriage License Valid Once It Is Issued?

A: The marriage must be solemnized within sixty (60) days of issuance of the Marriage License. The ceremony can be performed anywhere in the State of Florida.

Q: Who May Perform Marriage Ceremonies?

A: Regularly ordained minister or other ordained clergy; Elders in communion with some church; All judicial officers of the State of Florida Clerks of Circuit Court and their deputies And Notaries Public of the State of Florida
In addition, the law provides that marriage may be performed among "Quakers" or "Friends", in the manner and form used or practiced in their societies.

Q: May A Marriage Be Solemnized Without A License ?

A: No, Section 741.08 F.S. states that the party solemnizing the marriage shall require a properly issued license before performing the ceremony.

Q: Do both people need to come in together to apply for a marriage license?

A: Yes

Q: What type of ID is Required?

A: Social Security numbers, valid Passport, Drivers License or other Official photo ID

Q: Can I Be Married In the Clerk's Office?

A: Yes, please call for an appointment at (850) 643-2215.

Q: When and Who Should Return The License To The Clerk?

A: A marriage cannot be officially recorded until the license is returned to the clerk. It should be returned within 10 days after the wedding. The party who performed the marriage is responsible for returning the completed license. _____

Q: Can I Pay For My Marriage License with a Personal Check or Credit Card?

A: In Liberty County, local checks, cash, Visa and MasterCard are accepted for a marriage license.