

**THE MARRIAGE LAW**  
**SUMMARY**

**NOTE: IF YOU APPLY IN PA, YOU MUST GET MARRIED IN PA.**

NO PERSON CAN BE JOINED IN MARRIAGE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PA UNTIL A MARRIAGE LICENSE HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE CLERK OF THE ORPHANS' COURT OF ANY COUNTY. A LICENSE SO ISSUED AUTHORIZES A MARRIAGE CEREMONY TO BE PERFORMED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PA. NO LICENSE TO MARRY WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL OR AFTER THE THIRD DAY FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION. ACT OF 1953 P.L. 1344, #383.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Both applicants must be present when applying for a marriage license. Application can be made in the Clerk of Orphans' Court Office at the Courthouse. After the 3-day waiting period, the license is dated/issued and is valid for sixty (60) days. ONCE THE 60 DAYS IS PASSED, THE LICENSE IS VOID AND RE-APPLICATION AND PAYMENT ARE NECESSARY.
2. Eighteen (18) is the legal age to get married in PA. You are required to furnish your birth certificate or driver's license.
3. If either of the applicants has been divorced, a time-stamped, signed copy of the divorce decree must be furnished. The divorce decree must be over 30 days.
4. There is a 3-day waiting period after making application for the license to be valid.

<u>APPLY</u>	<u>VALID</u>
Monday.....	Thursday
Tuesday.....	Friday
Wednesday.....	Saturday
Thursday.....	Sunday
Friday.....	Monday
5. The Fee for a Marriage License is \$50.00 (includes one certified copy). The fee for any court order/waiver is \$5.00.

**HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30 am – 4:30 pm – Appointment Recommended**  
**Marriage License Applications will be taken until 4 PM**

**CASH, MONEY ORDER, DEBIT/CREDIT CARD ONLY - NO PERSONAL CHECKS**

A certification of your marriage license may be purchased	(724) 662-3800
For \$5.00 each. You can request it in person or by mail--	Angela : Ext. 2244
For \$6.00 each.	Mary : Ext. 2253
	Lisa : Ext. 2246

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