

MARRIAGE LICENSE Information

WHAT TO KNOW

What Makes a Marriage Legal In the State of Florida?

For a Legal Florida Marriage Ceremony couples must provide their Marriage License Application to an Island Sands Beach Wedding Officiate prior to their wedding ceremony. Couples must apply in person at any Clerk of Court Office in the State of Florida to obtain their application, however, Okaloosa County offers virtual application appointments.

Can We Get Our Marriage License in Another State?

We are often asked if you can obtain a marriage license from another state and bring it to Florida to be solemnized here. The answer is No. To be legally married while in Florida, you need a Florida Marriage License. If you choose to obtain a marriage license from another state, then you will be legally married while in that state and at that time and not on your ceremony date here in Florida.

Can My Provided Officiate Legalize My Florida License?

If you plan to provide your own officiate to perform your wedding ceremony they must be either an Ordained Minister OR a Florida Notary Public to legally sign and officiate your Florida marriage license.



Is There A Waiting Period Once We Obtain Our License?

There is a three day waiting period if either party is a Florida resident unless the couple has obtained a premarital course certificate prior to applying for the license. Non-Florida residents can receive a wedding license immediately with a current out of state Drivers License.

A marriage license must be solemnized within 60 days of issuance and returned within 10 days after the ceremony.

What Will We Need To Obtain Our Marriage License?

Each party must be 18 years of age or older. Produce a valid Driver's License. No blood tests or physical is required. The current fee for obtaining a Marriage License is \$86.00.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH OUR LICENSE AFTER OUR CEREMONY?

Once your ceremony is performed, Island Sands Beach Weddings can assist you in returning the license to the appropriate Clerks Office to be officially recorded. Once submitted for processing you will receive your official marriage license in the mail 3-5 weeks after processing. Please note that in the State of Florida, witnesses are not required to be present or sign the license application.



LOCAL COURT HOUSES

Okaloosa County Courthouse

Okaloosa County Court House offers virtual marriage license appointments. This is a great option if you would prefer not to physically travel to the courthouse to collect your marriage license when you are in town. Please contact them directly to schedule an appointment and complete the application process virtually.

Use the QR Code at the bottom of this page to be directly linked to the Okaloosa County Courthouse website. Select Apply for Marriage License Online to book your virtual appointment.

Walton County Courthouse

The address, phone number, and contact information for the Walton County Clerk of Court are as follows:

Walton County Courthouse Annex 31 Coastal Centre Boulevard Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459 Telephone: (850) 267-3066

Walton County Courthouse 571 Highway 90 East - 2nd Floor DeFuniak Springs, FI 32433 (850) 892-8115

Location Information

The address, phone number, and contact information for the Okaloosa County Clerk of Court are as follows:

Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Ext. 1940 Lewis Turner Blvd Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547 (850) 651-7200 3rd Floor Room 3B



More information about applying for your Marriage License in Walton County can be found at:

More information about applying for your Marriage License in Okaloosa County can be found at:



