How to Get Married

Harris County

Couples may apply for a Marriage License at any of the ten Harris County Clerk’s offices for a State mandated processing fee of $72.00. The new Certification of Marriage Certificate [optional] is available for $25.00. A valid form of identification is required.   
  
Marriage Licenses and now the new ‘Certification of Marriage’ Certificates are just some of the ways that the County Clerk is known for **“Recording the Major Events of Your Life.”**   
  
Please review the [Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)](http://www.cclerk.hctx.net/Personal_Rec/Marriage_License_Information_FAQs.aspx) to find out the answer to many of your questions.  If you cannot locate the answer among these pages, then feel free to send an e-mail to [ccinfo@cco.hctx.net](mailto:ccinfo@cco.hctx.net) and they will provide you with a timely response or point you in the proper direction if they do not have the appropriate answer.

1. Main Office, 201 Caroline, 3rd Floor of Administration Building (713) 755-6411
2. Baytown. .701 W. Baker Road, Baytown (281) 422-0253
3. Chimney Rock. . 6000 Chimney Rock, Houston (713) 660-7902
4. Clay Road. . 16715 Clay Road, Houston (281) 859-0685
5. Clear Lake. . 16603 Buccaneer, Clear Lake (281) 486-7250
6. Cypresswood. . 6831 Cypresswood Dr., Spring (281) 379-1057
7. Humble. . 7900 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble (281) 540-1173
8. N. Shepherd. .7300 North Shepherd, Houston (713) 697-5193
9. Pasadena. .101 S. Richey, Suite D, Pasadena (713) 274-6230
10. South Belt. .10851 Scarsdale, Houston (281) 464-0115

The office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

# FAQs

**What is the legal age to obtain a Marriage License?**

A: 18 without parental consent 16 with parental consent

**How much does a Marriage License cost?**

A: The fee for the license is $72.00 (please call local county clerk to verify as this rate may differ amongst court houses – listed numbers below)

**When can we get married after we purchase the license?**

A: The license must be purchased at least 72 hours prior to but no more than 90 days before the date of the ceremony.

**How long do we have to use the Marriage License?**

A: The license expires at the end of the 90-day period immediately following the date that the license was issued if the marriage ceremony has not been conducted within that period.

**Who can marry us?**

A: The following people are authorized to conduct marriage ceremonies:

Licensed or ordained Christian ministers, and priests; Jewish rabbis; persons who are officers of religious organizations and who are duly authorized by the organization to conduct marriage ceremonies; justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of criminal appeals, justices of the court of appeals, judges of the district, county, and probate courts, judges of the county court at law, courts of domestic relations and juvenile courts, retired justices and judges of such courts, justices of the peace, retired justices of the peace, judges of a municipal court, retired judge of a municipal court or judge or magistrate of the federal court of this state; and a retired judge or magistrate of a federal court of this state.

**Is this Marriage License only good in Harris County?**

A: The Marriage License is valid in every county in the United States.

**What kind of ID. do we need to get a license?**

A: You must have a valid id such as a driver’s license, ID card issued by DPS, valid passport, resident alien card, or other government issued identification.

**Will we need to bring witnesses?**

A: You do not need to bring witnesses to obtain the Marriage license.

**Where can we purchase a Marriage License?**

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**If my boyfriend /girlfriend is in jail, can we still get married?**

A: Yes, but you need to obtain an ABSENT APPLICATION form from one of our locations, take it to that person, have them fill it out and have it notarized. The instructions for this form are listed on the back of it. The form and the instructions can also be printed from the Downloadable forms page of our Web Site.

Effective September 1, 2013

A person who is incarcerated may apply for a marriage license using an ABSENT APPLICATION form. HOWEVER, THEY MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY. A PROXY CANNOT BE APPOINTED.

**If my boyfriend/girlfriend is in the military, do we still have to wait 72 hours?**

A: The 72 hour waiting period is automatically waived for military personnel. However you will need to show your military ID.

**Do we need to have a blood test performed?**

A: No blood test is required in the State of Texas anymore.

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| **Information about Weddings**  Justices of the Peace may perform marriage ceremonies. Please [contact a specific Justice of the Peace](http://www.jp.hctx.net/info/Find-Contact.htm) to determine if that judge does perform ceremonies and if so, for information about scheduling and fees.  **Contact the Courts**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Precinct One** |  |  | | [**Judge Gorczynski**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/1-1/default.htm) [**Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/1-1/default.htm) **7300 North Shepherd Houston, Texas 77091-2437**  **Main Phone: (713) 274-0695** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space |  | [**Judge Patronella**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/1-2/default.htm) [**Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/1-2/default.htm) **1302 Preston Houston, Texas 77002-2013 Weddings: 713-274-0595** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | | **Precinct Two** |  |  | | [**Judge Delgado** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/2-1/default.htm) **10851 Scarsdale Houston, Texas 77089-5743 Phone: (281) 481-9630** |  | [**Judge Risner** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/2-2/default.htm) **101 South Richey Suite B Pasadena, Texas 77506 Phone: (713) 274-6100** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | | **Precinct Three** |  |  | | [**Judge Parrott** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/3-1/default.htm) **14350 Wallisville Road Houston, Texas 77049-4145 Phone: 713-274-0760** |  | [**Judge Coffey** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/3-2/default.htm) **701 W. Baker Road Baytown, Texas 77521-2376 Phone: (281) 427-7449** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | | **Precinct Four** |  |  | | [**Judge Goodwin** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/4-1/default.htm) **6831 Cypresswood Drive Spring, Texas 77379-7700 Phone: 713-274-6550** |  | [**Judge Korduba** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/4-2/default.htm) **7900 Will Clayton Parkway Humble, Texas 77338-5849 Phone: (713) 274-2450** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | | **Precinct Five** |  |  | | [**Judge Ridgway** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 5, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/5-1/default.htm) **6000 Chimney Rock Houston, Texas 77081-4004 Phone: (713) 661-2276** |  | [**Judge Williams** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 5, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/5-2/default.htm) **16715 Clay Road Houston, Texas 77084-4009 Phone: (713) 274-0800** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | | **Precinct Six** |  |  | | [**Judge Vara** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 6, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/6-1/default.htm) **333 Lockwood Houston, Texas 77011-2141 Phone: (713) 274-3985** |  | [**Judge Rodriguez** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 6, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/6-2/default.htm) **1001 Macario Garcia Houston, Texas 77011 Phone: (713) 921-6141** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | | **Precinct Seven** |  |  | | [**Judge Green** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 7, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/7-1/default.htm) **5737 Cullen Boulevard Houston, Texas 77021-1638 Phone: (713) 747-3553** |  | [**Judge Burney** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 7, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/7-2/default.htm) **5300 Griggs Road Houston, Texas 77021-3715 Phone: (713) 274-0700** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | | **Precinct Eight** |  |  | | [**Judge Williamson** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 8, Place 1**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/8-1/default.htm) **7330 Spencer Highway Pasadena, Texas 77505-1824 Phone: (281) 479-6900** |  | [**Judge Ditta** **Justice of the Peace for Precinct 8, Place 2**](http://www.jp.hctx.net/8-2/default.htm) **16603 Buccaneer Houston, Texas 77062-5823 Phone: (281) 488-8780** http://www.jp.hctx.net/Images/white.space | |