

## **MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION**

**The following information is required in order to obtain a marriage license in KNOX COUNTY, Nebraska:**

**1. MARRIAGE WORKSHEET:** Either print and complete the Marriage Worksheet on this website and bring it with you or come to the County Clerk's Office to complete the Marriage Worksheet. You will need to know all of the below information. There is no waiting period between applying for the marriage license and getting married. There is no blood test requirement in Nebraska.

**2. APPLYING:** Both applicants must appear at the Knox County Clerk's Office to apply for a marriage license. Our office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. A couple may apply for their license in any county in Nebraska and use it to be married in any other Nebraska county. Both applicants must be at least 17 years of age. If either applicant is under 17 years of age, a license cannot be issued in the State of Nebraska.

**3. IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Both applicants **MUST** provide one form of unexpired photo identification. Acceptable forms of photo identification are a valid driver's license from any of the 50 states, a State ID card, a U.S. Passport, a U.S. Military card, or a Foreign Passport. Identification must be in English or must have a certified translation attached. If you have had your name legally changed, please bring documentation. Proof of citizenship or immigration status is neither relevant nor required.

**Note:** Statute 42-104 states "Each party shall present satisfactory documentary proof and shall swear or affirm to the application giving:  
(1) Full name of each applicant and residence; and (2) the place, date and year of birth of each."

It is customary in this office to require a photo ID as "satisfactory documentary proof" of identity, such as a Driver's License, State ID, or Passport. A birth certificate by itself cannot positively establish identity.

**4. MINORS:** For applicants 17 or 18 years of age, a Consent Form needs to be completed by the minor's parent or legal guardian in the presence of the County Clerk, her deputy or a Notary Public. The Consent to Minor's Marriage form is available at the County Clerk's Office or on this website. Minors must bring their certified birth certificate.

**5. PARENTS' INFORMATION:** We will need parents' full names (first, middle and last name, as well as maiden name for mothers), along with city and state or foreign country of their birth.

**6. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** Applicants must supply their Social Security numbers. If the applicant does not have a Social Security number, then the applicant must sign an affidavit.

**7. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE:** If either party has been married before, we will need to know how the marriage ended (death, dissolution or annulment) and on what date it ended. If the marriage ended in dissolution, we will need the date that the Decree of Dissolution was signed by the Judge. If either of the applicants was divorced in Nebraska, the couple must wait six months after the divorce decree is final to remarry in the State of Nebraska. Other state laws may apply if divorced outside of Nebraska.

**8. FEE:** The Marriage License fee is \$25.00 plus \$9.00 for a Certified Copy, for a total \$35.00.

**9. COPY OR CERTIFIED COPY COST FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE:** \$1.00 for a copy picked up at the Clerk's Office (\$2.00 for a copy to be mailed); \$9.00 for a certified copy. Please provide the name of the applicants (including maiden name) and date of marriage. A copy or a certified copy can only be obtained from the County that issued the marriage license.

**10. INTERPRETER:** If an interpreter is needed, the interpreter will need to complete an Affidavit of Interpreter in the presence of the County Clerk, her deputy or a Notary Public. The Affidavit of Interpreter form is available at the County Clerk's Office or on this website. The interpreter must also accompany the couple when completing the marriage license application process. The County does not provide interpreters.

**Once the marriage license has been issued, the marriage can take place anywhere within the State of Nebraska for up to one year from the date of issuance.**

**All Marriage Licenses obtained in Nebraska are public record.**