

PERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

LICENSE APPLICATION HOURS: NO appointment is needed – you can walk in, Monday – Friday, any time between 8:30 am - 4 pm. Both applicants **must be present** in person to obtain a marriage license.

FEE: \$60.00 payable by cash, check, or card

VALID PERIOD: The marriage license is valid in North Carolina for 60 days, starting from the date the license is issued.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants are required to provide proof of social security number and must have a valid government-issued ID.

➤ Acceptable IDs:

- United States issued driver's license (must not be expired)
- State-issued identification card (must not be expired)
- Passport (must not be expired)
- United States military identification (must not be expired)

➤ Acceptable Proof of Social Security Number:

- Social Security Card (photocopy not accepted)
- Income Tax Return/W-2 form
- Bank Account Profile
- If NO Social Security number has been issued to the applicant, he or she should bring an affidavit stating that the applicant has never been issued a Social Security Card and is ineligible at the time of application to receive one.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: Both applicants are **REQUIRED** to provide a valid certified copy of birth certificate. *A certified copy should be on security paper, including a signature and seal from the issuing agency.*

PRIOR MARRIAGES: If either applicant has been married before, the applicant must:

- Divorced applicants – Must provide a copy of the most recent divorce decree, showing date divorce was entered and signed by a judge.
- Widowed applicants – Must provide a certified copy of the death certificate showing date of prior spouse's death.

AGE REQUIREMENTS: Applicants for a marriage license that are at least age 18 can file for a marriage license without consent. The rules for younger applicants are:

- No one under 16 may marry in North Carolina.
- Over 16 and under 18 may marry but must have consent of parent(s).

LANGUAGE DISCLAIMER: Please note that all documents must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation. Applicants who do not speak or read English are encouraged to bring a trusted interpreter to assist during the application process. Our staff will do their best to accommodate, but interpretation services are not provided on site.