



GEORGIA MARRIAGE LICENSE GUIDE

A simple guide for couples preparing to marry in Georgia

A helpful place to begin

Marriage licenses in Georgia are issued by county Probate Courts. Application procedures, fees, accepted documents, and processing times may vary by county. Always review the requirements of the Probate Court where you plan to apply.

WHERE TO APPLY

If at least one person is a Georgia resident, the couple may apply for a marriage license through the Probate Court in any Georgia county.

If neither person is a Georgia resident, the couple must apply in the county where the ceremony will take place. Both individuals must be present when applying for the marriage license.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Contact or visit the website of the appropriate county Probate Court to confirm:

- Whether an appointment is required
- Whether an online application must be completed before arriving
- The current application fee and accepted payment methods
- Office hours and processing times
- The identification and supporting documents required

WHAT TO BRING WHEN APPLYING

Georgia advises couples to be prepared with:

- Proof of age
- Proof of divorce, if applicable
- An accepted form of payment

The issuing Probate Court may require additional information or documentation.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR CEREMONY

Bring your original marriage license and any instructions or return materials provided by the county Probate Court. Your officiant will complete and sign the license after the ceremony.

PATH2PROMISE PACKAGE NOTE

With the Legacy and We Promise officiating packages, your assigned officiant will return the completed marriage license to the county Probate Court that issued it. Because the Even Better package is for vow renewals, a marriage license is not required.

AFTER THE CEREMONY

Georgia advises that the signed marriage license be returned to the issuing Probate Court within 30 days of the ceremony.

The couple will typically receive the marriage certificate by mail after the completed license has been processed. Contact the issuing Probate Court if you need certified copies or have questions about processing.

FINAL REMINDERS

- Apply early enough to address any county-specific requirements.
- Review every document for accuracy.
- Bring the original marriage license to the ceremony.
- Keep the Probate Court instructions and contact information.
- Confirm how certified copies may be requested after the marriage is recorded.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This guide provides general educational information and is not legal advice. Marriage-license procedures may vary by county and may change. Couples should confirm all requirements directly with the county Probate Court that will issue their license.

Official Georgia information
Apply for a Marriage License

georgia.gov/apply-marriage-license