

**Bradford County, Pennsylvania
Register & Recorder's Office
Applying for a marriage license**

To apply for a marriage license, both applicants must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older
2. Marriage License must be obtained at least three days prior to the marriage ceremony. The three-day waiting period does not start until after your license application is signed and approved in our office.
3. An appointment is required, please call 570-265-1702 to reserve your time. (**Monday-Friday 9am-330p**).
4. You must both appear in the Register & Recorder's Office together.
5. Fees – We only accept cash for the fees, and it is currently \$46.00 as of **3/5/2024**. **If you are a veteran or active military the fee is \$40.00.**
6. You will need to show your Driver's license, Non-Driver Photo ID issued by the state, or a Passport. You will also need your **Social Security Card**.
7. Divorce Decree if you were married previously or a Death Certificate if your spouse is deceased.
8. The marriage license is only valid for 60 (sixty) days, then will expire.
9. If the original documents are written in a foreign language, the original and a notarized translation to English must also be submitted.
10. If you do not speak English, you are required to provide your own interpreter.
11. The marriage license issued in Bradford County, PA is good anywhere in the State of **Pennsylvania only**, but must be returned to our office after the ceremony.
12. A **self-uniting marriage license** (also known as a Quaker license) is available in our office. Please advise whoever is waiting on you at the beginning that you want a self-uniting marriage license.

Who mat not marry:

Blood relatives down to and including first cousins MAY NOT marry under the laws of Pennsylvania.

Return of Duplicate Certificate:

According to the State of Pennsylvania, the Duplicate Certificate completed by the officiant, must be returned with **10 days**, or there will be a **\$50.00 penalty**. A self-addressed envelope will be given to you with your other paperwork, upon the completion of the marriage application.

Name Change:

If you plan to change your name after marrying, after we receive the Duplicate Certificate in our office, we will mail you a certified copy of your Marriage License. You'll then use the certified marriage license copy as proof to change your name as needed. (Social Security Card, Driver's License, etc.)

If you have any questions, please give our office a call, **570-265-1702**

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