

OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN LEBANON COUNTY

(The process for obtaining a Pennsylvania license varies county by county.)

Where To Apply

The Marriage License Office is located in Room 105, First Floor of the Municipal Building, 400 S. 8th Street, Lebanon. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are no Saturday hours. The application process takes approximately 15 minutes if no other couples are waiting. For this reason, applicants are asked to arrive at the office no later than 4 p.m. Under Pennsylvania law, couples do not need a blood test or physical to apply.

Requirements for Application

In order to provide time for the application process, it is recommended that the bride and groom apply for a marriage license at least two weeks ahead of the scheduled wedding.

The future bride and groom must appear in person and together to apply for a marriage license. A photo identification is required of both parties, and an oath must be taken, asserting that all information you provide is correct. Social security numbers must also be provided.

Divorced persons must bring along a certified copy of the final decree when applying or a marriage license will not be issued.

There are questions pertaining to the parents of the bride and groom on the application form. Please be sure to have the following information when applying: Parents' full names (including mother's maiden name), addresses, birth places, occupations.

Applicants who are age 16 and 17 will need to have a custodial parent or guardian to sign the necessary forms.

Applicants who are age 15 and under will need to call the Marriage License Office for instructions.

Waiting Period

There is a three-day waiting period from the day application is made until the time the license is issued. For example, if the application is made on Monday, the license may be picked up Thursday; if the application is made on Tuesday, the license may be picked up Friday; if the application is made on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, the license may be picked up on the following Monday.

Picking Up the License

The license may be picked up after the waiting period of three days by one of the applicants, a family member, or a friend. The license is valid for 60 days from the date it is issued and may only be used in any county in the state of Pennsylvania.

Fees and Payment

The fee for the marriage license is \$50.00. The payment is due at the time the application is submitted. Payment must be made by cash, money orders, bank cashiers checks, or travelers checks. No personal checks or credit cards will be accepted.

Contact Information

For information or further questions, call the Office directly at 717-274-2801.