

Ohio & Michigan Marriage License Laws

The following information is supplied to help make your wedding preparation as smooth as possible. In Ohio, the rules can vary among the counties, so we suggest that you contact your local courthouse for specific details. The locations and phone numbers for Lucas and Wood Counties and Monroe County, Michigan, are listed below. The staff at the license bureaus welcome your questions to help you obtain your license as quickly and easily as possible.

Before License

In Ohio and Michigan, no blood tests, physical examinations or witnesses are required.

Where to apply

Both the prospective bride and groom must apply together. In-state residents of Ohio and Michigan apply in the county where they live and can then be married in any county in the state. Out-of-state residents apply in the county in which they are being married.

Waiting Period after License

No waiting period is required in Lucas or Wood Counties, but that can vary in other Ohio counties. A three-day waiting period in Michigan counties is required. The Ohio license is valid for 60 days, and the Michigan license is valid for 30 days.

Proof of Residency

Lucas County residents must present proof of residency. Wood County residents must show a driver's license, state I.D. card, utility bill, or lease or bank statement showing the local address. Monroe County, MI residency is determined by the address on a driver's license.

Legal Age of Marriage Without Parental Consent

In both Ohio and Michigan, it is 18 years of age. For those under 18, phone the license bureau for more information.

Proof of Age

In Lucas County only a valid government issued picture I.D. such as a driver's license, state I.D. card, passport or military I.D. will be accepted for both applicants. If under 21 years of age, a certified birth certificate listing parents names is required. Wood County accepts a driver's license, state I.D. card, birth certificate, or passport to verify both identification and age. In Monroe County, MI, a certified birth certificate is required for women and men under 25. For those over 25, a driver's license is proof of age.

If either Person is Divorced

In Lucas and Wood Counties, a copy of the final divorce, dissolution or annulment papers signed by the judge with a court file-stamp on them is required. Information concerning all other divorces is requested, but papers are not necessary. In Monroe County, MI only the most recent divorce papers are needed with the court seal and the judge's signature on them.

If Precious Spouse Died

Lucas County requires a certified copy of the death certificate listing the applicant as the surviving spouse. No death certificate is required in Wood County or Monroe County, MI.

Cost of License

In Lucas County the cost is \$50, cash only. Wood County charges \$40, cash only. In Monroe County, MI the fee is \$20 for a resident or \$30 for a non-resident.

Civil Marriage Ceremony

Marriage can be performed in Lucas County by a licensed minister in the courthouse or by a Toledo Municipal Court Judge. For details phone 419.213.4750.

Regulations are subject to change.

Addresses of Marriage License Bureaus

Lucas County, Ohio

Lucas County Courthouse
Marriage License Bureau, 2nd floor
Adams & Erie Street • Toledo, Ohio 43604

Important recorded information:

419.213.4750

www.lucas-co-probate-ct.org

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Wood County, Ohio

Probate Court of Wood County
1 Courthouse Square, 2nd Floor
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
419.354.9230
www.co.wood.oh.us/
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday for
license application.

Monroe County, Michigan

Monroe County Courthouse
County Clerk Office
106 E. First Street • Monroe, Michigan 48161
734.240.7020 • 1.888.354.5500
www.co.monroe.mi.us/
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday