

DEAF SMITH COUNTY

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Requirements for obtaining a Marriage License

Both parties must appear

*Submit proof of identity and age.

*Both parties must provide their social security number or state that they have none.

*Both parties must provide all information as required on the application.

*Both parties must take the oath printed on the application and sign in the presence of the Clerk/Deputy.

*Pay fee of \$81.00

**** The State of Texas does not marry underage****

Must be 18 years of age and older with present photo identification issued by this state or another state. U.S. or a foreign government, Driver's License, Military ID or passport are acceptable forms of identification. All documents must be current. We will not accept expired documents. (Foreign ID's must provide passports and cannot be expired.)

If either applicant is divorced the divorce must be final for 30 days prior to obtaining a new marriage license unless the applicant has a court order waiving the 30-day period.

-There is a 72-hour waiting period once the couple has obtained a marriage license. This means that the couple cannot get married until that 72-hour waiting period is over. The only way to waive the 72-hour waiting period is per Judge's orders or if one of the applicants is on active military duty or the couple completes the "Twogether in Texas" program and presents the certificate of completion.

"Twogether in Texas"

Program Couples completing the State Approved Pre-Marital Education Course may have the formal license fee reduced to & \$21.00 and the 72-hour waiting period waived by presenting the state-issued course completion certificate when applying for the license. Please visit www.twogetherintexas.com to locate classes in your area.

Informal Marriage Licenses

The County Clerk's office also issues Declaration of Informal Marriage Licenses. The cost is \$46.00. Both parties must be present. Current, valid identification must be provided, along with a Social Security number. It is important to note that Informal Marriage Licenses are not recognized by the Federal Government. No one under the age of 18 may apply for this type of license.

Certified Copies of Marriage Licenses

Marriage Licenses are public records and anyone wishing to obtain a copy may do so. The cost of a certified copy is \$22.00. Only certified copies may be issued. A request for a copy may be made in person or by sending payment along with the party's names and date of marriage to: County Clerk, 235 East 3rd St, Room 203, Hereford, Texas 79045.

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