

How Do I Obtain a Marriage Certificate in Massachusetts?

File a Marriage Intention with the Town Clerk at least 3 days before the date of marriage.

According to Massachusetts law, the prospective couple must jointly file intentions to marry and may do so with the city or town clerk in any community in the state.

- There is a mandatory three-day waiting period before the license can be issued – e.g to marry on Thursday you must file no later than Monday.
- Please bring an ID- Drivers License, Passport, or Social Security Card.
- **Have ready for filing:**
 - Planned date of Marriage.
 - Your name, address and telephone number, and any planned name changes.
 - **Name and address, Tel # of the Officiant: e.g One Day Solemnizer, JP, Pastor etc. (this is really important)**
 - Your place of birth – City and State
 - Your parents' names, and their place of birth – it will be listed on the marriage license.
- Once obtained, the marriage certificate is valid for 60 days from the date the intentions are filed and may be used in any Massachusetts city or town. The license is not valid outside of the state.
- **The officiant must be registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to solemnize a marriage.**
- Fees vary within the State: Ashfield fees: Marriage Intention \$15.00,
- Certified copy of Marriage License: \$10.00 payable to the Town of Ashfield.

Marriage intentions are filed with the Town Clerk, the Town Clerk creates the marriage certificate and arranges a time for pick up by either party.

Please contact me to make an appointment: townclerk@ashfield.org or 413-628-4441, ext. 5