

## The most important piece of paper and how to get it

**A couple of tips:** In most cases, a license obtained in one county can be used anywhere in the state. However, if you live in Missouri and are getting married in Kansas, you need a Kansas marriage license (or vice versa). Confused yet? Don't be. Just use the information below.

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#### Cass County

- Marriage License Department  
102 E. Wall, Harrisonville, MO  
(816) 380-8122, (816) 380-8129 (recording)
- **Hours:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Applicants must arrive by 4 p.m.
- **Identification:** Driver's license or birth certificate. Proof of Social Security number required.
- **Cost:** \$51, cash only.
- **Notes:** Both bride and groom must be present to apply. License expires 30 days after receipt of license. If bride or groom were previously married, must provide the date that the marriage ended.

#### Clay County

- Marriage License Department  
One Courthouse Square, Liberty, MO  
(816) 407-3554
- **Hours:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- **Identification:** Photo ID and proof of Social Security number required.
- **Cost:** \$51, cash only.
- **Notes:** Both bride and groom must be present to apply. License expires 30 days after receipt. If previously married, must provide the date that the marriage ended.

#### Jackson County

- Kansas City Courthouse Jackson County Records Department  
415 E. 12th St., Room 104, Kansas City, MO  
(816) 881-3193
  - **Hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Applicants must arrive by 4:45 p.m.
  - **Identification:** Driver's license, valid state ID card, certified copy of birth certificate or passport.
  - **Cost:** \$48, cash only.
  - **Notes:** Bride and groom must be present. License expires 30 days from receipt. Required by law to return license if unused. If previously married, must provide the date that the marriage ended.
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- Independence Courthouse Jackson County Records Department  
308 W. Kansas Ave., Suite 104, Independence, MO  
(816) 881-4608
  - **Hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Applicants must arrive by 4:45 p.m.
  - **Identification:** Driver's license, valid state ID card, certified copy of birth certificate or passport.
  - **Cost:** \$48, cash only.
  - **Notes:** Both bride and groom must be present to apply. License expires 30 days after receipt of license. Required by law to return license if unused.

#### Platte County

- 415 Third St., Suite 70, Platte City, MO  
(816) 858-3320
- **Hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday Applicants must arrive by 4:30 p.m.
- **Identification:** Driver's license and photo ID required. Applicants must know Social Security numbers.
- **Cost:** \$51, cash only.
- **Notes:** Both bride and groom must be present to apply. License expires 30 days after receipt. If previously married, must provide the date that the marriage ended. To schedule a ceremony, call (816) 858-3434.

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#### Douglas County

- Douglas County District Court Clerk's Office  
111 E. 11th St., Lower Level, Lawrence, KS  
(785) 832-5232
- **Hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Applicants must arrive by 4:30 p.m.
- **Identification:** Driver's license or Social Security card. Photo ID required.
- **Cost:** \$59, cash only.
- **Notes:** Either bride or groom can apply. Three-day waiting period. License expires after six months.

#### Johnson County

- Johnson County Courthouse Clerk of the District Court  
100 N. Kansas Ave. Second Floor, Rm 201, Olathe, KS  
(913) 715-3353
- **Hours:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
- **Identification:** Driver's license and Social Security card.
- **Cost:** \$59, cash or credit card.
- **Notes:** Either bride or groom may apply for the license. Three-day waiting period. License expires after six months. If previously married, you must state how and when last marriage ended.

#### Wyandotte County

- Wyandotte County Courthouse Marriage License and Probate Court  
710 N. Seventh St., First Floor, Kansas City, KS  
(913) 573-2834
- **Hours:** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday Applicants must arrive by 4:15 p.m.
- **Identification:** Driver's license, state ID, passport, birth certificate or Social Security card.
- **Cost:** \$50, cash only.
- **Notes:** Either bride or groom may apply, but must have ID information for both. Three-day waiting period. License expires after six months.