



The Roberts Mayfair
A Wyndham Historic Hotel

Legal Requirements for Weddings - Missouri

Couples are responsible for obtaining a valid marriage license from the State of Missouri. There is a three-day waiting period from the time the license is issued. Missouri does not require blood tests or other medical records. License is good for 30 days. There is no residency requirement.

Both the bride and groom must appear together before the Recorder of Deeds of any Missouri county and apply for a marriage license:

- Bring identification (each person): Picture I.D. such as driver's license and Social Security card.
- Bring cash for the license fee (\$50).
- Divorced applicants must provide the date their last marriage ended and must wait at least 30 days after the divorce is final before applying for a marriage license.
- The bride and groom must be at least 18 years of age to apply for license without parental consent.
- You will also need to have a witness when you sign the application. The bride must use her new married name when signing application for license.
- Within 90 days after the marriage ceremony, the officiator must complete the marriage certificate issued with the marriage license and return it to the office of the issuing Recorder.
- The marriage ceremony can be performed by any clergyman or clergywoman, active or retired, who is in good standing with any church or synagogue in Missouri; a Circuit Court or Associate Circuit Court judge (who is prohibited by law from receiving any compensation for this service); a religious society, institution or organization in Missouri of which either marriage party is a member, in accordance with the organization's regulations and customs.

The preceding legal information is provided as a guideline reference only. Check with the State, County and/or Municipality of your wedding site for more detailed and current information. Check with your home state about its requirements for a blood test, license, and other documents. A marriage license from your home state may not be valid for a ceremony performed in another state, territory or country. A marriage performed in another state may not be recognized by your home state, unless specific requirements are met.