

# Marriage Requirements – Hawaii

## Rules & Regulations

There are no residence or citizenship requirements.

The legal age to marry is 18 years. However, with the written consent of both parents, legal guardians or family court, either party may be married at 16 or 17. To be married at age 15 requires the written consent of both parents or legal guardian and the written approval of a judge of the family court. The parents or guardian do not have to reside in the state. Consent forms may be obtained from a marriage license agent.

A certified copy of a birth certificate must be presented for anyone 21 and under. For anyone 21 and over, proof of age may be requested in the form of a valid state or military I.D. or driver's license.

Proof of divorce or death of a former spouse is not required, but applicants should be prepared to provide the date and location of the divorce or death on the marriage license application.

Both bride and groom must be present at the time of application.

Cousins may marry, but a blood relationship between the prospective bride and bridegroom cannot be closer than first cousins. For example, uncle/niece, half-brother/sister may not marry.

Blood tests are not required.

The fee for a marriage license is \$60, payable in cash at the time you file your application. You will be issued a license on the spot if you meet all the requirements. If you don't use the license within 30 days of its issuance, it becomes null and void. The license must be used in the state of Hawai'i.

## Doing the Paperwork

You can [download a marriage license application](#) from the State Department of Health, or pick up an application at a state marriage license office. However, both parties to the marriage must appear IN PERSON to file the application. Proxies are not allowed, and you may not mail in the application.

Planning a vow renewal ceremony in Hawaii? Break out the champagne, because saying "I do" part two is a piece of cake. Since a renewal ceremony is not legally binding, there's no required paperwork, no fee to pay (except to your officiant) and no list of requirements to meet. Just let your officiant know you're planning a vow renewal, and you can work out the details of the ceremony together.

