

Marriage Requirements – Las Vegas

Apply yourself

Want to tie the knot in Vegas? Welcome to the club. Clark County (the county where Las Vegas is located) issued more than 80,000 marriage licenses in 2013 alone.

To score a marriage license in Clark County, you must appear in person before a clerk at a Marriage License Bureau location, either downtown or at one of the outlying offices. Your proposed union must include two people who are unrelated and both at least 18 years old. Proof of name and age will be required, so don't forget to bring your valid driver's license, passport, military ID card or other government-issued ID card. Other combinations of ID that contain your photograph along with an original/certified birth certificate or social security card are cool too.

Insider Tip: Speed things up with the online marriage pre-application process. You'll receive a reference number to bring to the Marriage License Bureau along with your ID/documentation. You'll even get to skip ahead to the "Express Window." Your reference number will remain active in the system for 60 days, in case you need some time to think things through.

Age of Consent

But wait, you're under 18? Ah, young love. So innocent. So legal in Las Vegas. Here's what you need to know:

If you're between the ages of 16 and 17, you may marry if your parent or legal guardian gives consent in person at the time of application. You must have: An original/certified copy of your birth certificate; proof of identity for all people giving consent; a court order showing proof of legal guardianship; and a notarized affidavit of consent, written in English, with the birth date of the minor and the relationship of person giving consent. A person less than 16 years of age may marry if either parent or legal guardian files an action, pays all court fees and presents a court order from a Nevada State Court.

The Cost of Marital Bliss

In the long run, getting married may cost you lots of things, but for now, it will only cost you \$77. That's for the marriage license. It's payable by cash, cashier's check, money order or credit card (with an added 2% plus \$1.25 service charge for credit card transactions for a total of \$79.79).

This Is Not A Test

In Clark County, blood tests are not required and there is no waiting period. Score!

Twice as Nice

Marriage didn't work out the first time? Come to Vegas and give it another shot. However, before you walk down that aisle for the second (or seventh) time, your divorce(s) must be final in the state(s) where granted. The date of the final decree, as well as the city and state where granted, will be required when you apply for your license.

International marriage information

Not from around here? No problem. Even couples from outside the United States can be married in Las Vegas. Most countries will want a certified copy of your marriage certificate from the County Clerk's Office (\$15) and an Apostille from the Nevada Secretary of State (\$20). The Nevada Secretary of State can send the Apostille directly to your government for you. See, easy peasy.

What marries in Vegas ...

It's not that we're territorial or anything, but all marriage licenses issued in the state of Nevada must be used within this state.

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