

Town of Belchertown



MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

- **How do I apply for a marriage license?**

You must come in together with your intended spouse, to the Town Clerk's Office. This process cannot be done through the mail. If a person is in the military, marriage intentions may be filed by either party, providing one is a Massachusetts resident. If a person is incarcerated in a county house of correction or a state correctional facility, intentions may be filed by either party. A marriage license, once obtained, is valid for 60 days from the date intentions were filed and may be used in any Massachusetts city or town. It is not valid outside the state.

- **Do we have to be Belchertown residents in order to apply in Belchertown?**

No, if you are getting married in Massachusetts you may apply anywhere in the state. If you live in Massachusetts but are getting married out of the state, you must file marriage intentions in that state.

- **What if one or both of us is under 18?**

You must go to court and obtain a court waiver (permission) to marry.

- **How long after the application will the license be issued?**

The license will be issued three days later, which is the state law. It can be picked up by either applicant at the Clerk's office.

- **What if we have waited too long to apply for our license and our wedding is scheduled less than three days from the date of the license application?**

You must go to court and obtain a court order to waive the three-day waiting period.

- **How long after issuance is the license valid?**

The license is valid for sixty days from the day the couple came into the office to apply and may be used in any Massachusetts city or town. However, it is not valid outside of the state.

- **How much does a license cost?**

The cost in Belchertown is \$40, includes one certified copy.

- **How can I get a copy of my marriage license?**

Assuming the license was issued by the Town of Belchertown Clerk's Office; you can

1. Come to the office at 2 Jabish St., Room 201 and request a copy. The fee is \$10 each.
2. Request a copy by mail including a check made payable to the Town of Belchertown
3. For faster service: call the Clerk's office at 413-323-0281 and request a copy and it will be here waiting for you when you would like to pick it up.