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Applying for Marriage

- ☑ The Wedding Couple AND a Witness who knows both must be present at the time of application and each of the three must present a Photo ID prior to signing the Marriage License Application. This can be done in the Recorder's office or before any Notary Public official.
- ☑ In addition to completing the application, the bride will also need to complete the Address Update form. This provides us with the mailing address for your Certified Copy of Marriage Certificate that we will prepare when your completed/signed certificate is returned following your ceremony.
- ☑ The fee to apply for a license — payable by cash, check or credit card — is \$35 payable to the Dickinson County Recorder.
- ☑ There is a three-day waiting period; if needed, this can be waived by contacting a District Judge (712.336.1138), completing a Waiver Application and a fee of \$5 in addition to the fee to apply for license.
- ☑ Once the County Recorder/Registrar receives the completed Application to Marry in Iowa, either party may pick up the license any time after three business days. If the license is not picked up within six months from the date of application, the application is considered null and void.

Date of Application:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Valid date of License:

Friday
Saturday (pick-up on Monday)
Sunday (pick-up on Monday)
Monday
Tuesday

*Holidays may alter the above schedule.

- ☑ Iowa Marriage Instructions and Officiant Guidelines are available online at <https://dickinsoncountyiowa.gov/recorder> by selecting the Vital, Military Records and Passports link.

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