

Instructions for Obtaining a Marriage License in Fort Bend County

- Review the Requirements Checklist for Formal or Informal Marriage Licenses <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments-a-d/county-clerk/local-registrar-and-vital-statistics-new/marriage-licenses-new>
- Complete the marriage license application online prior to arrival at the County Clerk's Office. Application must be signed in the presence of the County Clerk staff either together or separately. <http://ccweb.co.fort-bend.tx.us/Marriage/MarriageApplication.aspx>
- For a Formal Marriage License, if one party is unable to appear in person, an Absentee Application may be completed. If you completed a state-approved Pre-Marital Education course, please bring the certificate with you.
- Bring your valid government issued picture identification. Proof of age and identity is required.
- You must know your social security number.
- \$72 application fee payable with cash, debit card, credit card or money order. Credit or debit card payments will be charged a 2.75% convenience fee based on the amount of the charge.
- Prior to arriving at the County Clerk's Office, please select which image you would like for your license. Available choices are shown on the website at <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments-a-d/county-clerk/local-registrar-and-vital-statistics-new/marriage-licenses-new>
- On the day you arrive at the County Clerk's Office to obtain your marriage license, you will need to have your temperature checked before proceeding to the County Clerk's office – Suite 136 at the Travis Building in Richmond or Suite 102 at the Missouri City Annex. You will need to check in with the clerk to receive further instructions. Please expect there to be a wait as we are taking couples on a first come, first serve basis.
- Marriage licenses are only being issued in Richmond at the Travis Building (301 Jackson Street) or at the Missouri City Annex (307 Texas Parkway).
- Please limit the number of people appearing for the license to only 2 people as there is limited capacity in our lobby and waiting areas.