

Probate Court – Shelby County Marriage License

General Information

A marriage license may be obtained from any county in the State of Alabama (regardless of where you live or where you are getting married), and may be used to be married in any county within Alabama.

To purchase a marriage license in Shelby County, Alabama, please come to:

**Judge of Probate
Shelby County Courthouse
112 North Main Street
Columbiana, AL 35051
(205) 669-3710**

Both parties must appear in person and fulfill the following requirements:

A blood test is not required to obtain a marriage license.

- Minor parties aged 16-17 **MUST call the Probate Office at 205-669-3710** for detailed information on what will be required to obtain a marriage license.
- Parties that are 18 years and older must provide a valid **government issued photo I.D.** - i.e. Drivers license, Non-Drivers license, Passport.
- The fee is \$43.00. This office will accept cash or checks for payment. If paying with cash, we prefer the correct amount, if possible. The Probate Office is not equipped to accept debit or credit cards.
- Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We respectfully request that the parties arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. to allow time for all parties to complete the appropriate paperwork.
- If either party has been divorced and the divorce occurred more than ninety (90) days from the date the marriage license is issued, the divorce decree will not be required. You will need to be able to provide the month and year of the most recent divorce.
- If the divorce occurred **LESS** than ninety (90) days from the date the marriage license is issued, please call the office for further details on what will be required.
- **You must be married within thirty (30) days from the issuance date of the marriage license.**
- Please check the marriage license very carefully for errors. Once the license has been filed, you must have court action to make any corrections. There is a fee paid for by the bride and groom to petition the court to make changes on a marriage record.
- An ordained or licensed minister or Judge must perform the marriage ceremony. They will complete the relevant portion of the license and return it to the Marriage License Clerk in the self-addressed envelope provided by the Court at the time of purchase.
- Upon receipt of the completed Marriage License, the Marriage License Clerk will mail a certified certificate of marriage to the bride and groom.

The certified marriage certificate received from the Court will be the required documentation to make the appropriate changes to Social Security, Driver's License, insurance and other records.

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To Obtain a Certified Copy of a Marriage Certificate Issued in Shelby County, Alabama:

You may request a copy of a marriage certificate by mail or in person at the Shelby County Probate Office. **PLEASE NOTE: We can only provide copies of marriage certificates that were issued in Shelby County.**

To obtain a copy of a certified marriage certificate by mail, send \$3.00 for each certified copy required to the following address:

**Shelby County Probate Court
Marriage License Division
Post Office Box 825
Columbiana, AL 35051**

- Include a postage paid, self-addressed envelope for the return of your certified marriage certificate.
- The following information will need to be provided:
 - ❖ Groom's Full Name
 - ❖ Bride's Full Name at time of Marriage
 - ❖ Date of Marriage
 - ❖ Daytime Telephone Number
- And, a check made payable to "Shelby County Probate Judge".

To purchase a Certified Copy in person:

- You may purchase a certified copy in the Probate Office, Shelby County Courthouse, Columbiana, Alabama. Copies are \$3.00 per certification.
- **Shelby County's Probate Office currently maintains marriage records dating from October 1981 to present date. If you desire copies of marriage records dating prior to October 1981, please contact the Shelby County Museum and Archives office at (205) 669-3912.**