

Guidelines for Illinois weddings

- Both parties getting married must be 18 years old or older.
- You do **not** have to live in the county where you are getting married.
- Same-sex couples are welcome to marry in Illinois.
- Both parties must pick up the marriage license together.
- The license is valid only in the county where it was issued. The cost varies by county (\$35-\$65) and a valid ID must be presented at the courthouse.
- Blood tests are not required.
- There is a one-day mandatory waiting period, and the license is valid for 60 days.
- The marriage license must be submitted back to the courthouse within 10 days after the wedding ceremony.
- The minister must be over 18 years of age and must be present during the ceremony (online ceremonies are not valid).
- The minister must obtain both parties' consent during the ceremony and pronounce them married (e.g., "I now pronounce you husband and wife").
- No witnesses are required.
- The officiant's name and home address must be added to the license.
- The minister's title on the license is Minister or Ordained Minister, not Reverend.