

How Do I Obtain a Marriage Certificate in Massachusetts?

File a Marriage Intention with the Town Clerk at least 3 days before the date of marriage.

According to Massachusetts law, the prospective couple must jointly file intentions to marry and may do so with the city or town clerk in any community in the state no more than 60 days before marriage ceremony.

- There is a mandatory three-day waiting period before the license can be issued – e.g. to marry on Thursday you must file no later than Monday.

- **Have ready for filing:**

- Planned date of Marriage.
- Your name, address, telephone number and any planned name changes.
- Your place of birth – City and State
- Your parents' full names and mothers' maiden names – these will be listed on the marriage license.

- Once obtained, the marriage certificate is valid for 60 days from the date the intentions are filed and may be used in any Massachusetts city or town. The license is not valid outside of the state.

- The officiant must be registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to solemnize a marriage.

- Fees vary within the State: Westhampton fees: Marriage Intention \$15.00, includes one certified copy of marriage certificate upon completion

Please contact office to make an appointment: clerk@westhamptonma.org or 413-203-3080