

# Court Marriage Checklist

Checklist · 31 items · 7 sections

All the documents, witnesses, and steps you need for a hassle-free court marriage.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/court-marriage-checklist>

## LEGAL RESEARCH

- Research court marriage requirements in your state, province, or country  
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- Confirm minimum age requirements and residency rules  
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- Check if a waiting period applies after license application  
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## LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- Download and complete marriage license application form  
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- Gather original birth certificates for both parties  
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- Gather valid government-issued photo ID (passport, national ID, driver's license)  
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- Gather proof of residency or address documents
- If previously married, obtain divorce decree or death certificate of former spouse  
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- Get required documents notarized or certified as necessary

## SCHEDULING

- Book court marriage appointment at courthouse or civil registry  
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- Confirm court marriage fee and payment method accepted

## WITNESSES

- Identify two adult witnesses to attend the ceremony  
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- Confirm witnesses have their ID ready for the appointment

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### DAY PREPARATION

- Choose appropriate attire for courthouse ceremony
- Arrange transportation to courthouse
- Arrive at courthouse 20-30 minutes early for paperwork
- Bring all original documents in a folder: do not forget anything
- Ask courthouse if photography is allowed during ceremony
- Arrange for someone to photograph the moment (friend, hired photographer)

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### CELEBRATION

- Plan a celebration meal or dinner after the courthouse ceremony
- Inform immediate family members of the marriage
- Plan a larger celebration party for friends and family at a later date

### POST-WEDDING LEGAL STEPS

- Request multiple certified copies of marriage certificate (at least 4-6)
- Update driver's license with new name (if applicable)
- Update passport with new name (if applicable)
- Update Social Security card or national ID with new name
- Update bank accounts and financial accounts
- Update insurance beneficiaries (health, life, home)
- Update will and estate documents to reflect marriage
- Notify employer of name change for payroll records
- Update voter registration with new name and/or address

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