1. **When can I get married as a same sex couple?**

Same sex couples in the State of Florida can get married as of January 6, 2015. At 10:30 p.m. on Monday, January 5, only the South County Courthouse located at 200 W. Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, will begin processing marriage license applications to be issued at midnight on January 6, 2015.

All five Clerk & Comptroller locations will resume normal operations on Tuesday morning, January 6, at 8 a.m. All locations will be issuing marriage licenses and performing ceremonies for all couples.

As with our Valentine’s Day group wedding, the couples participating in the group ceremony on January 6, 2015 will not have to pay the ceremony fee. The Clerk will collect the fee set by state law for individual ceremonies performed.

2. **What do I need and what are the requirements to get a marriage license?**

Both parties must be present when applying for a marriage license and each party must present one of the following forms of identification:

- Driver’s license issued in the United States or
- Federal or State identification card or
- Passport showing your name and date of birth (Birth Certificates or Green Cards are not accepted)

Florida residents must wait three days to get married, unless the couple attends a premarital course from a registered provider and provides the Clerk a certificate of completion. The couple must complete the course.

For non-Florida residents a marriage license is effective immediately upon issuance.

For a list of court approved course providers, please click [here](#).

If either person was married before, the manner in which the last marriage ended or the exact date the marriage ended are needed. Copies of the death certificate, final decree of divorce annulment or blood tests are **not required**.

3. **How much does it cost to get a license?**

State mandated fees are:

- Marriage license, application - $93.50
- Discounted marriage license, application (available after completion of premarital preparation course) - $61.00

4. **How much does it cost to have a ceremony?**

- The state fee for marriage ceremony is $30
We also offer the Sensible Start Wedding Package which includes a marriage license, ceremony, wedding photography, and marriage certificate for $148.50. Cash, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express), check or money orders are accepted.

The Clerk’s office performs ceremonies Monday through Friday at all courthouse locations (not available at the Midwestern Communities Service Center).

5. **Where do I go to get a marriage license as a same sex couple after January 5?**

Couples wishing to get married may apply for a license at any Clerk & Comptroller location in Palm Beach County. Marriage licenses are issued through the Clerk’s Circuit Civil Department.

6. **How long is the marriage license valid for?**

The license is valid in any Florida county for a period of 60 days. Once issued, Florida residents must wait three days to get married, unless the couple attends a premarital course from a registered provider and present the certificate of completion when applying for their license. There is no waiting period for non-Florida residents.

7. **Is there an age requirement for getting married?**

Minors 16 to 17 years old are required to have one form of identification:

- Driver's license issued in the United States;
- Federal or state identification card; or
- Passport showing your name and date of birth (birth certificates or green cards are not accepted)
- Minor's birth certificate showing parent's name; and
- A parental consent form may be obtained at the time of the application.
- Both parents must be present with their own identification on hand.
- The exception will be if the parents are divorced and one parent has full custody of the minor. In this case, proof of custody must be presented and only the consent of the custodial parent will be required in writing.

Minors under 16 (one or both applicants)

- All the requirements listed above for 16 to 17-year-olds;
- Under oath, swear that they are the parents or expected parents of a child;
- Provide proof in the form of the child’s birth certificate or written statement from a licensed physician verifying pregnancy; and
- May require judicial review.
- A previously married minor may apply without the need for parental consent.

8. **What is the waiting period?**
The mandatory three-day waiting period for Florida residents may be waived if the couple attends a premarital course from a registered provider and presents a certificate of completion when applying for a license. There is no waiting period for non-Florida residents.

Additionally, both residents and non-residents of Florida may receive a $32.50 discount on their marriage license by completing a premarital course. The course must be completed no more than one year prior to the date of the application for a marriage license. Both parties must attend the course.