

# Local marriage license requirements

## Dubois County

**Residency:** One person must be a resident of Dubois County and getting married in the State of Indiana or both reside out of state and getting married in Dubois County; both applicants must apply together in person.

**Identification:** Driver's license, passport or certified birth certificate.

**Information needed:** In what state you were born; in what state parents were born; mother's maiden name; correct spelling of names; your social security number; parents' residence.

**Previous marriages:** If previously married the date of dissolution is required.

**Dependent children:** Full name and birth date.

**Fee:** \$20 for Indiana residents or \$18 for military; \$60 if both are from out-of-state.

License is good immediately and up to 60 days.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the clerk's office at the Dubois County Courthouse.

Couples may start this license application process online at [courts.in.gov/marriage](http://courts.in.gov/marriage). You will need to inform the Clerk's office when you come in to finish the process that you began online.

## Spencer County

Indiana residents must obtain a marriage license in the county in which at least one of the applicants resides. Out of state residents must obtain a marriage license in the county in which the marriage will be performed.

Both applicants must apply for the marriage license in person at the same time.

### Previous marriage

If either applicant has been married previously, the license application requires information on the month, date, year and manner (e.g. divorce, death, annulment) in which the marriage ended. You must show proof with your most recent divorce decree or death certificate.

### Identification

Applicants must be over the age of 18 to apply for a marriage license. You must show I.D. to apply for a marriage license. The following forms of I.D. are accepted at the time of the application: Valid driver's license; current State I.D. card; Military I.D. card; passport; original birth certificate (with picture I.D. card).

### No legal waiting period

In Indiana there is no legal waiting period. A couple may get married the same day as the application. Once issued the marriage license is valid for 60 days during which time the marriage must be performed.

### Age requirements

Applicants must be over the age of 18. Under the age of 18 please contact the Clerk's Office for additional information and/or instructions at 812-649-6028.

### Cost for the marriage license

The cost for the application is \$18 cash for Spencer County residents and \$60 cash for out of state residents who are getting married in Spencer County. This does not include the

cost of a certified copy of the marriage license.

### Certified Copies

For a certified copy of the marriage license please send a request and \$1.10 for each copy requested along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Spencer County Clerk, P.O. Box 12, Rockport, IN 47635. Please include the couple's names and the date of the marriage in the written request.

### Change of name

Many brides decide to change their name after getting married. When you apply for your marriage license you will receive a form from the Clerk's Office that has information from the Social Security Office about changing your name on your Social Security card. To find the Social Security Office nearest you, call 800-772-1213 or visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). You will need to contact the License Branch about changing your driver's license or your personal I.D. card. You can get additional information at [www.myBMV.com](http://www.myBMV.com).

### To be married by the Clerk

If you would like a Courthouse ceremony and to be married by the Spencer County Clerk, please call ahead to make arrangements at 812-649-6029. There is no extra cost to have the Clerk perform the marriage ceremony.

### Requirements to obtain a marriage license

1. One of the couple obtaining the license must reside in Spencer County. If you are from out of state you must be getting married in Spencer County.

2. Each member of the party must be 18 years of age.

3. A valid driver's license or original birth certificate is required. The birth certificate must have the county seal on the document.

4. If you were previously married, you must bring in the divorce decree from your last divorce.

5. You must know your parents' full names including the maiden names of the mothers.

6. If your parents are living, you need to know your parents' addresses.

7. You need to know the state in which your parents were born, including birth state of the couple applying for the license.

8. This license is good for 60 days, and there is no waiting period.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The last appointment of the day is at 3:30 p.m. Each appointment takes around 30 minutes to complete.

9. You will need to call ahead to make an appointment.

10. The cost of the license is \$18 if at least one person lives in Indiana. If both people live out of state the cost is \$60. The payment must be in cash or money order.

11. Again, you will need to call ahead to make an appointment. The telephone number is 812-649-6027. The office is located on the second floor, Room 8, in the Court House.

### E-Filing Application

To begin the process, visit [mycourts.in.gov/m/public](http://mycourts.in.gov/m/public). Applicants still must appear in person at the Clerk's office to complete the process.

# Groom's cakes making a comeback

Guests and well-wishers expect to see at least one cake at wedding receptions. But wedding guests should not be surprised if they attend a wedding and notice two cakes sharing the spotlight on the dessert table.

Groom's cakes have existed for generations but have fallen out of favor in many parts of North America since the 1970s. Now groom's cakes are experiencing a resurgence in popularity.

A groom's cake traditionally represents something masculine, providing a contrast to the off-feminine features, such as floral bouquets and frilly gowns, that dominate many weddings. Groom's cake designs often reflect a particular hobby or interest of the groom's.

Historically, groom's cakes are chocolate, a sharp contrast to traditional wedding cakes, which tend to be vanilla and white. Tradition once called for single women at the wedding to

take home a slice of the groom's cake to sleep with under their pillows. It was believed the cake would help them have sweet dreams of the man they would eventually marry.

Women today are likely no longer snuggling up to fondant and mousse cake slices at night, and wedding cakes are no longer relegated to vanilla cake with vanilla icing, which may account for the waning popularity of groom's cakes. Yet with wedding cake bakers showing off their creative prowess on television or through their own artistic bakery displays, it's no wonder that couples looking for something unique are once again embracing the tradition of groom's cakes.

Couples who are mulling whether or not to add a groom's cake to their menus should consider the following tips.

- Make sure it is highly personal. Groom's cakes typically reference hobbies, affiliations

or interests of the groom. Some men may want their cake to showcase the logo of their favorite professional sports team, while others may want a cake inspired by a favorite superhero.

- Involve the groom in the process. Despite the name, groom's cakes may not always involve the groom. A cake may be designed or selected by the groom's bride-to-be or his mother. Some forward-thinking brides may want to encourage their grooms-to-be to select their own cakes and offer input on their designs.

- Find a bakery that has experience in whimsical cakes. Groom's cakes are very often intricate structures and sculptures. The groom's cake may be more labor-intensive than the traditional wedding cake, so couples may want to shop around for a cake chef with the experience to pull off the design they desire.

- Experiment with flavor combinations. Because the groom's cake is all about that special guy, the flavor of the cake should be centered around what he would enjoy. The sky is the limit on flavors and can include traditional chocolate, candy bar-inspired flavors, coffee, coconut, or even a bacon-infused cake.

- Consider serving the groom's cake at the rehearsal. Some couples prefer to serve the groom's cake at the rehearsal dinner rather than having two cakes at the wedding. Guests may not be able to fit two slices of cake after a large wedding meal, so serving the groom's cake at the rehearsal dinner may be the best of both worlds.

The bride — and her cake — typically steal the show at the average wedding. Therefore, a groom's cake can be a special touch that allows the groom to bask in his own wedding-day spotlight.