

U.S. Virgin Islands Marriage Law Guide

Much of the information below is USVI law; however, this information can vary. We recommend contacting the Clerk of the Superior Court's office before applying for the marriage license.

Officials: The bridal couple will be asked for your name and denomination when they apply for their marriage license. Ceremonial ministers are not required to register with the Family Division of the Superior Court, but must present their credentials upon the request of any legal authority. Non-resident ministers are allowed to perform ceremonies in the U.S. Virgin Islands without restriction.

MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Residency: Non-resident marriages are legal, but specific requirements must be met.

Marriage Application: Obtain your application in advance of the ceremony, unless you plan to be in the USVI for an extended period before the wedding ceremony. This form must be notarized and reach the USVI Clerk of the Court office at least two weeks before the wedding date.

Required Documents: Once in the USVI, you will need to present a certified birth certificate, passport and valid photo ID, such as a driver's license.

In addition, also include a letter stating the date of your intended visit, length of stay, and preferred date on which you would like the judge to perform the marriage.

Waiting Period: An eight-day waiting period is required after the receipt of your notarized application. During that time, the marriage application is posted for public inspection.

Divorced: Anyone who has been divorced must include a certified copy of their divorce decree with a raised seal.

Same-Gender Marriage: Permitted following Supreme Court ruling of June 26, 2015.

To marry on St. Thomas or St. John: Send the application form to Administrator, Clerk of the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, P.O. Box 70, St. Thomas, USVI 00804.

Federal Express or UPS address: Clerk of the Court, The Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, Veteran's Drive, St. Thomas USVI 00804

To get married on St. Croix: Write to the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, Family Division, P.O. Box 929, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI, 00821. Call (3409) 778-9750.

Court Hours: The St. Thomas Court is available Monday through Friday (excluding holidays); St. Croix from Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays).

Fees: The marriage application fee is US\$25 and the marriage license fee is US\$25 (total \$50). There is a \$200 fee to be married by a judge. No personal checks.

Information: Call (340) 774-6680 Ext. 6607 or fax (340) 777-8254



For additional information, please visit www.visuperiorcourt.org

The above information is believed to be correct, but does not purport to be legal advice, is not all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. Under the terms specified in your ordination, you are solely responsible for becoming familiar with and complying to all current laws and regulations in effect within the jurisdiction in which you will conduct ceremonies.