



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF THE GREAT SEAL  
LANSING

## Instructions to Authenticate Recorded Documents Marriage License

**We CAN authenticate:** Only **Certified** copies from the County Clerk's office; City Clerks in the counties of Wayne, Oakland, or Macomb ONLY; or the State Registrar's office.

**We CANNOT authenticate:** From Court or Probate clerks. Do **not** get copies from these officials.

Notarized vital records

Photocopies of vital records.

Out of State Vital Records

### To obtain recorded documents from a County Clerk:

- County Clerk telephone numbers are listed online and can also be found on our [website](#).
- Contact the County Clerk where the birth, marriage, divorce or death occurred.
- Request a *certified* copy of the document you need.
- Once you receive the certified copy of the document, either mail it to the Lansing office or bring it to one of our branch offices that provide authentication services ([see attachment](#)).
- **Wayne, Macomb** and **Oakland** County recorded documents may be obtained from the City Clerks *in those counties only*.

### To obtain recorded documents from the State Registrar:

- The telephone number for the State Registrar's office is 517-335-8666.
- Request a certified copy of the document and tell them it is for use in another country.
- You can make arrangements with the State Registrar's office to mail the document directly to the Office of the Great Seal for state authentication. Our office cannot provide status updates.
- If an Authenticated copy was not requested from State Registrar, you can mail it to the Lansing office or bring it to one of our branch offices that provide authentication services.
- You can also order recorded documents off their website. Their address is [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch).



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## Helpful Tips

- ✓ Must be a certified copy.
- ✓ Record must be produced within 15 years.
- ✓ Cannot have original signatures.
- ✓ Do not notarize this document.
- ✓ No other papers can be attached to this document. It is a stand-alone document.
- ✓ Must be a Michigan Vital Record
- ✓ Our Office does not authenticate to Out of State Vital Records



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Examples

Acceptable Marriage License – this is a Certified Copy

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD**

**COUNTY OF KENT**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**Marriage License**  
State of Michigan

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage, the marriage must be solemnized in the State of Michigan on or before July 26, 2019

DATE OF APPLICATION: JUL 18 2019 DATE CERTIFICATE FILED: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE FILE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE FILE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**CUPLE**

FULL NAME (PRE, MIDDLE, LAST)  SINGLE  FEMALE and  SINGLE  FEMALE

SIGNATURE ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IF DIFFERENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 11/21/1994 DATE OF BIRTH: 30 1/16/1983

PRESIDENTIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENTIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

HONOLULUI, HI CAIRO, EGYPT

RESIDENCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ RESIDENCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE: GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525 CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE: GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525

COUNTY: KENT COUNTY: KENT

**PARENTS**

FULL NAME (PRE, MIDDLE, LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ FULL NAME (PRE, MIDDLE, LAST) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the affidavit filed in this office, I hereby grant this marriage license on July 25, 2019

Lisa Posthumus Lyons CLERK OF KENT COUNTY

**Certificate of Marriage**

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage.

In Grand Rapids County of KENT Michigan.

on the 16 day of July A.D. 2019 in the presence of

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY AND STATE: GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49507

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

LISA POSTHUMUS LYONS, CLERK OF KENT COUNTY DO hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original document on file in the office of the County Clerk

DATED: APR 13 2020

Lisa Posthumus Lyons  
LISA POSTHUMUS LYONS  
KENT COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER



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Acceptable Marriage License – this is a Certified Copy

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD  
**COUNTY OF WAYNE**

**Marriage License**  
State of Michigan

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage in the State of Michigan,  
Marriage must be solemnized in The State Of Michigan on or before MARCH 09, 2004

between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL NAME OF MALE (SGL, MARR, LEAF) FULL NAME OF FEMALE (SGL, MARR, LEAF)

41 \_\_\_\_\_ 40 \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENT AGE DATE OF BIRTH PRESENT AGE DATE OF BIRTH

RESIDENCE NO. STREET RESIDENCE NO. STREET  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN 48304 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

OAKLAND \_\_\_\_\_ WAYNE \_\_\_\_\_  
RESIDENCE COUNTY NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED RESIDENCE COUNTY NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED

DETROIT \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ DETROIT \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MARRIAGE COUNTY CITY AND STATE MARRIAGE COUNTY CITY AND STATE

\_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S FULL NAME  
\_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER'S FULL NAME BEFORE PREP MARRIED \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER'S FULL NAME BEFORE PREP MARRIED

MICHIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ GEORGIA \_\_\_\_\_ TENNESSEE \_\_\_\_\_  
FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE

An affidavit has been filed in this office by which it appears that said statements are true. This marriage license authorizes the marriage of the parties named above within the State of Michigan by any person authorized to perform a marriage ceremony under the laws of the State of Michigan.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ witness whereof,  
Cathy M. Garrett, Clerk of the County of Wayne, Michigan, do hereby certify and seal these presents, this LITH day of FEBRUARY, 2004.  
Cathy M. Garrett COUNTY CLERK  
Kathleen Anne Parker DEPUTY CLERK

**\*Certificate of Marriage**  
Between Mr. JAY AUBREY JACKSON and M. ANN MARIE ADKINS

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage by me in Detroit county of Wayne MICHIGAN, on the Eight (8) day of March A.D. 2004, in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF WITNESS (TYPE OR PRINT) NAME OF WITNESS (TYPE OR PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF MAGISTRATE OR CLERK NAME AND TITLE OF MAGISTRATE OR CLERK (TYPE OR PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF MAGISTRATE OR CLERK

CC#-1402L 194/99

This original must be returned within ten days after the marriage to the County Clerk who issued the same. This provision must be complied with to insure a proper legal record of the marriage.

**WARNING**  
ANY REPRODUCTION IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. DO NOT ACCEPT UNLESS ON SECURITY PAPER WITH COLORED BACKGROUND AND TACTILE HOLOGRAPHIC SEAL IN BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER. NOT VALID IF PHOTOCOPIED.

I, CATHY M. GARRETT, CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF WAYNE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the original document on file in my office.

Cathy M. Garrett  
CATHY M. GARRETT  
Wayne County Clerk

FEB 11 2020  
DATE

ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS CERTIFICATE

