

KS couples warned of marriage license delays

TOPEKA-- Kansas courts are telling couples who need a marriage license in September to apply for them now.

That word comes in a release that says that while “the usual advice courts give to couples is to allow two weeks from the time the application is filed for the license to be delivered,” this time is different because “a database courts use to process licenses will be offline for a week in September,” meaning that “couples can expect some delays as a result.”

The release explains that the Kansa Courts use a database managed by the [Office of Vital Statistics](#) to record marriage license application data, with that database to be offline from September 8 through 13.

According to the release, if a couple applies for a marriage license by August 31, they will have a license in hand by Septembe 7, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Applications submitted after August 31 will be processed after September 14, when the database comes back online. There is a three-day waiting period required by statute, and courts begin processing the application after the waiting period ends.

Couples can apply for a marriage license throughout this period, but the applications cannot be processed while the Office of Vital Statistics database is offline.