

How to Apply for a Marriage License

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Application:

Please print out and complete the marriage license application form. You may also get an application form at the Local Registrar's office.

***Do not sign the marriage application form before going to the Local Registrar. You must sign the application, while under oath, in the presence of the issuing authority.**

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Requirements for entering into a Marriage:

For two persons to establish a Marriage in this State, it shall be necessary that they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- a. Not be a party to another civil union, domestic partnership or marriage in this State or recognized by this State;
- b. Be of the opposite sex ; and
- c. Be at least 18 years of age, except that applicants under the age of 18 may enter into a Marriage with parental consent. Applicants under the age of 16 must obtain parental consent and have the consent approved in writing by any judge of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family part.

Where to apply:

1. The marriage license application is to be made in the New Jersey municipality in which either party resides and the license is valid throughout the State of New Jersey.
2. If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, submit the application in the municipality where the marriage ceremony will be performed, the license is **only** valid in the issuing municipality.

Please contact the [Twp. of Washington Registrar](#) to determine if license applications are handled during business hours or by appointment.

Required documents when applying for a marriage license:

1. Proof of identity by presenting your driver's license, passport or state/federal I.D.
2. Proof of your residency.
3. Your social security card or social security number.*
4. A witness, 18 years of age or older.
5. The \$28 application fee.

*Social security number is required by law for US citizens and will be kept confidential.

Any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

Requested additional documents (these documents are helpful but not required):

1. A copy of your birth certificate to establish your parents' names and related birth information.
2. If you are divorced, have had a previous civil union dissolved, domestic partnership terminated or have had a civil union annulled, please bring the decree(s) or the civil annulment documents.
3. If your former spouse/civil union or domestic partner is deceased, please bring the death certificate.

After you apply:

There is a 72-hour waiting period before the license is issued. The waiting period begins when the application is filed with the Registrar. There is no 72 hour waiting period for a remarriage; however, you must bring a certified copy of your existing marriage.

The marriage license application is valid for six months from the date accepted, unless the Registrar has given prior approval to extend the validity of the application to a maximum of one year.

Only one marriage license may be granted from a marriage application. If the license expires before being used, a new application must be made and another fee remitted.

The only exception to this requirement is in the case where a civil and religious ceremony are to be performed on the same day. In this case, the Local Registrar will photocopy the marriage application, marking one "A" and one "B", and issue the corresponding marriage licenses, marking them "A" and "B" as well. One

copy will be used for the religious ceremony and the other for the civil ceremony.

Remarriage:

For individuals who are currently in a marriage in New Jersey or are in an opposite sex marriage in another state or country there exists the option to reaffirm your relationship/vows by registering a Remarriage.

In order to apply for a Remarriage the couple must provide proof of their existing opposite sex marriage, meet the requirements for entering into a marriage in New Jersey and follow the guidelines above to completing the license application.

The process for a Remarriage License are the same as for the Marriage License, except that the Remarriage License must be accompanied by the proof of existing marriage and once the application is filed there is no 72 hour waiting period before the license is issued.

**New Jersey Department of Health
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE**

MARRIAGE REMARRIAGE CIVIL UNION REAFFIRMATION OF CIVIL UNION

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT A <i>(Giving false information constitutes perjury.)</i>				DECLARATION OF APPLICANT B <i>(Giving false information constitutes perjury.)</i>			
1. Name (First, Middle, Last) <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate/Maiden name)</i>				1. Name (First, Middle, Last) <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate/Maiden name)</i>			
Street Address (Current Legal Residence) (See Note 1)			County	Street Address (Current Legal Residence) (See Note 1)			County
Municipality of Residence (See Note 4)		State	Zip Code	Municipality of Residence (See Note 4)		State	Zip Code
1a. Current Name (if different)			2. Date of Birth	1a. Current Name (if different)			2. Date of Birth
3. Birthplace		4. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	5. Age(See Note 2)	3. Birthplace		4. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	5. Age(See Note 2)
6. Domestic Status (at this time) (See Notes 3 and 5)				6. Domestic Status (at this time) (See Notes 3 and 5)			
		Date	Place			Date	Place
<input type="checkbox"/> Single				<input type="checkbox"/> Single			
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed				<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed			
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced				<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced			
<input type="checkbox"/> Annulled				<input type="checkbox"/> Annulled			
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Domestic Partner				<input type="checkbox"/> Current Domestic Partner			
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Domestic Partner				<input type="checkbox"/> Former Domestic Partner			
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Civil Union Partner				<input type="checkbox"/> Current Civil Union Partner			
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Civil Union Partner				<input type="checkbox"/> Former Civil Union Partner			
For Remarriage to the same spouse, or Reaffirmation of Civil Union to the same partner, enter date and place of original ceremony:				For Remarriage to the same spouse, or Reaffirmation of Civil Union to the same partner, enter date and place of original ceremony:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage		Date	Place	<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage		Date	Place
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Union				<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Union			
7a. Enter number of times ever Married (if applicable):		7b. Name of Most Recent Spouse (if any) (List name given at birth or on birth certificate/Maiden name):		7a. Enter number of times ever Married (if applicable):		7b. Name of Most Recent Spouse (if any) (List name given at birth or on birth certificate/Maiden name):	
8a. Enter number of times ever in a Civil Union (if applicable):		8b. Name of Most Recent Civil Union Partner (if any) (List name given at birth or on birth certificate/Maiden name):		8a. Enter number of times ever in a Civil Union (if applicable):		8b. Name of Most Recent Civil Union Partner (if any) (List name given at birth or on birth certificate/Maiden name):	
9a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			9b. Birthplace	9a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			9b. Birthplace
10a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			10b. Birthplace	10a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			10b. Birthplace
11. Are you related to Applicant B? If "YES," how? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				11. Are you related to Applicant A? If "YES," how? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY EITHER APPLICANT							
12. In which Incorporated Municipality in New Jersey do you intend for the ceremony to be performed? (See Note 4)				13. Intended Date of Ceremony		14. Telephone Number where either applicant can now be reached:	
15. Name and mailing address of person who is to perform the ceremony:				16. Mailing Address where you may be reached after the ceremony:			

(See Notes on Page 2)

Continue with Declaration of Identifying Witness and Oath.

DECLARATION OF IDENTIFYING WITNESS

(Giving false information constitutes perjury)

- 1. Name (First, Middle, Last):
Mailing Address (Street/PO Box):
City: State: Zip Code:
2. Have the applicants correctly stated their ages and usual residences?
3. Did the applicants make you aware of any legal impediment to their marriage / remarriage / civil union / reaffirmation of civil union?
If "Yes," explain:

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANTS AND IDENTIFYING WITNESS

NOTE TO REGISTRAR - Applicants and witness should be told that taking a false oath constitutes perjury, which is punishable by a maximum fine of \$7,500.00.

We, who have hereunder signed our names, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we are not currently ruled mentally incompetent; the answers given by us in this application for a marriage, remarriage, civil union, or reaffirmation of civil union license are true, full and perfect answers to each and all of said questions.

Signature of Applicant A: Date:
Signature of Applicant B: Date:
Signature of Witness: Date:
Second Signature of Witness (if necessary): Date:

Sworn (or affirmed) and subscribed before me at
this day of , 20 at AM PM

Signature of Registrar:

REGISTRAR - DO NOT insert place and date of ceremony or file the application until either the completed certificate or copy thereof is sent to you. Follow-up on all licenses for completion.

License Number: Date of Issue:
Ceremony Performed in (City, Borough, Twp.):
Date of Ceremony:

NOTE 1. This is the permanent home and principal establishment to which, when absent, the applicant intends to return.

NOTE 2. Both applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of application.

NOTE 3. When a remarriage or reaffirmation of civil union license is requested, indicate in Question 6 that the parties are already married or joined in a civil union.

required for the remarriage or reaffirmation of a civil union of a minor previously joined in a marriage or civil union to the same partner in another state.

NOTE 4. Municipality of residence is the municipality where applicant physically resides, not the mailing address.

NOTE 5. The Registrar's review of a divorce decree, dissolution of Civil Union, or termination of Domestic Partnership, submitted with this application, in no way implies the validity of the submitted document.

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (N. J. S. 37:1-17)

Social Security Number of Applicant A
Social Security Number of Applicant B

Social Security Numbers shall be kept confidential and may only be released for child support purposes and this document shall not be considered a public record pursuant to P. L. 1963, C.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.).