

Marrying in New Jersey

Application

Please print out and complete the [Marriage, Remarriage, Civil Union, Reaffirmation of Civil Union Form](http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/reg-77.pdf) (<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/reg-77.pdf>). 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.

Requirements for Entering Into A Marriage or Civil Union

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

1. Not be a party to another civil union, domestic partnership or marriage in the State of New Jersey or recognized by the State of New Jersey*;
2. For Marriage: Be of the opposite sex; or for Civil Union: Be of the same sex; and
3. 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 approve in writing by any judge of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family part. If you are under 18 years of age, you will need both parents to give consent in front of two witnesses in order for you to receive a marriage license.

** Same sex couples who meet the above requirements and are registered as domestic partners may enter into a civil union with the same person without terminating their domestic partnership first. If the domestic partnership was registered in New Jersey, it automatically terminates when the civil union is registered. If the domestic partnership was registered in another state, that state's laws determine the impact on the domestic partnership. A couple that has previously entered into a civil union or a same-sex marriage may apply for a Reaffirmation of Civil Union License.*

Where to Apply

1. You may apply in the New Jersey municipality in which either person resides. 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 ceremony will be performed. The license is **only** valid in the issuing municipality.

Please contact the [Local Registrar](http://www.nj.gov/health/vital/regbycnty.shtml) (<http://www.nj.gov/health/vital/regbycnty.shtml>) to determine if license applications are handled during business hours or by appointment.

When Applying, Bring With You...

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.

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 Local 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 (6) 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 \$28 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.

Reaffirmation of Civil Union

For individuals who are currently in a Civil Union in New Jersey or are in a same sex union in another state where the rights afforded that union are equal to the rights afforded married couples, there exists the option to reaffirm your relationship/vows by registering a Reaffirmation of Civil Union.

In order to apply for a Reaffirmation of Civil Union the couple must provide proof of their existing same sex union, meet the requirements for entering into a civil union in New Jersey and follow the guidelines above to completing the license application.

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