

How to apply for a marriage license

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, under oath, in the presence of the issuing authority.

Where to apply

- Apply for the marriage license in the New Jersey municipality where either party resides. The license is valid throughout New Jersey.
- If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, submit the application in the municipality where the marriage ceremony will be performed. In this case, the license is only valid in the issuing municipality.

Please contact the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, Jennifer VanSant at 609-522-2030 ext. 1410 or email jvansant@northwildwood.com to request an appointment for a marriage license.

Required documents when applying for a marriage license

- Proof of identity by presenting your driver's license, passport or state/federal I.D.
- Proof of residency by one applicant if a NJ resident
- Social Security number*
- A witness, 18 years of age or older
- The \$28 application fee
- Your social security number is required by law for US citizens and will be kept confidential.

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 months from the date accepted. If the license expires before being used, a new application must be made and another \$28 fee remitted.

Who can perform a marriage in the State of New Jersey?

Any judge of a Federal District Court, United States magistrates, judges of a Municipal Court, judges of the Superior Court, judges of a Tax Court, retired judges of the Superior Court or Tax Court, or judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court who has resigned in good standing, and any mayor or deputy mayor, village president of New Jersey, County Clerks, and every minister of every religion may solemnize a marriage.

Filing the marriage license

The officiant performing the ceremony must file the marriage license with the Registrar of the municipality in which the marriage was performed within five (5) days of the ceremony. Certified copies of the marriage event may be obtained from the local Registrar in the municipality where the ceremony occurred or from the Office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics. If your marriage license is filed in the City of North Wildwood, an application for Certified Copy of Vital Records must be filled out and a fee of \$5.00 is required for each copy.