

MARRIAGE LICENSES & CIVIL UNIONS

How do I apply?

Marriage licenses & Civil Union Licenses are issued by appointment only which avoids having an applicant wait unnecessarily. Call the Registrar's office at 732-566-3898 x625 to make an appointment.

Where do I apply?

To be married or enter into a civil union in New Jersey, you must apply in the municipality where one of the partners resides (physical location not mailing address). If either of the parties lives out of state you apply in the municipality where the other partner resides. If both parties live out of state you apply in the municipality where you intend the ceremony to take place (physical location not mailing address). A license issued in New Jersey cannot be used in any other state.

What do I bring with me when I apply?

The couple should bring a witness that knows you both. Bring \$28.00 cash or check (exact amount only – this office is not allowed to make change). Checks should be made out to “Borough of Matawan”. Bring ID (birth certificate, passport, driver’s license – all must be current not expired and one needs to have your current address). If there were prior marriages, bring divorce papers to show that either/both parties are free to marry. Social security numbers are required for both parties. **Any required documents that are not in English MUST be translated, Certified and Notarized on the translator's original letterhead. Copies are not accepted.**

Bring the name, address and phone number of the officiant (the person who will perform the ceremony). (Your officiant must be recognized by the state of NJ as permitted to perform marriages.) Bring the names and addresses of the 2 witnesses that will sign the marriage license at the time that you are married. One witness **may** be the witness that you bring with you at the time that you apply, but it is **not required** to be the same witness.

Finally, both parties' fathers' name and mothers' maiden name and their places of birth will be requested. Provide us with the address and phone number where the couple may be reached in the days after the wedding in case a correction to the certificate is required.

Is a blood test required?

No

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When Do I get the marriage license?

After you apply there is a State mandated 72 hour waiting period. You may pick up the license anytime after that waiting period. Once issued the license is valid only in New Jersey for 30 days.

Does your office perform the marriage?

No. You must arrange for your own officiant. This office issues the marriage certificate that is completed by the officiant and your 2 witnesses at the time that the marriage takes place.