

Marriage Licenses

Applying for a Marriage License:

A couple who intends to be married in New York State must apply in person for a marriage license to any town or city clerk in the state. The application for a license must be signed by both applicants in the presence of the town or city clerk. A representative cannot apply for the license on behalf of the applicants. This applies even if the representative has been given a Power of Attorney. Notarized marriage license affidavits signed by the applicants cannot be substituted for their personal appearance.

Proof of Age and Identity

A person is required to establish proof of age and identity by submitting to the issuing clerk one of the following age related documents:

- 1. Birth Certificate*
- 2. Baptismal record*
- 3. Naturalization record*
- 4. Census record*

***And** one of the following identity related documents:*

- 1. Driver's license*
- 2. Passport*
- 3. Employment picture ID*
- 4. Immigration record*

Previous Marriages: *Information regarding previous marriages must be furnished in the application for a marriage license. This includes whether the former spouse or spouses are living, and whether the applicants are divorced and, if so, when, where and against whom the divorce or divorces were granted. A certified copy of the Decree of Divorce or a Certificate of Dissolution of Marriage may be required by the clerk issuing the marriage license.*

How much does a marriage license cost? *If the marriage license is issued by a town or city clerk in New York State outside of New York City, it costs \$40. This fee includes the issuance of a Certificate of Marriage Registration. This certificate is automatically sent by the issuing clerk to the applicants within 15 calendar days after the completed license is returned by the officiant (person who performs the marriage ceremony). It serves as notice that a record of the marriage is on file. Couples who do not receive a Certificate of Marriage Registration within four weeks of the wedding should contact the town or city clerk who issued the license.*

Who can get married now? *Any couple that meets current requirements for getting married in New York State is eligible to marry regardless of sex. More information on the requirements of getting married in New York State is available at*

http://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/marriage.htm.

Applying for a Certified Copy of a Marriage License

Identification Requirements - application *must* be submitted with copies of either A or B:

1. *One (1) of the following forms of valid photo-ID:*
 - *Driver license*
 - *State issued non-driver photo-ID card*
 - *Passport*
 - *U.S. Military issued photo-ID*
2. *Two (2) of the following showing the applicant's name and address:*
 - *Utility or telephone bills*
 - *Letter from a government agency dated within the last six (6) months*

Important Notes:

- *Failure to include necessary identification will result in rejection of your application.*
- *Copy of Passport required in addition to the above ID if request is made from a foreign country that requires a U.S. Passport for travel.*

Click on link <http://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-4382.pdf> down load and complete form

Mail to: Town Clerk
 7309 State Route 81
 East Durham, NY 12423

Or request a hard copy at 518-239-6122 and one will be mailed to you.