

FAQs: MARRIAGE LICENSE

What are the eligibility requirements for marriage?

Any two persons may marry in Connecticut so long as both parties to the marriage meet Connecticut's eligibility requirements. Note that as of November 12, 2008, same sex marriage became legal in Connecticut (Civil Unions); as of October 2010, Civil Unions are now Marriages as well. The eligibility requirements and application process for same sex marriage are identical to the requirements for opposite sex marriage.

A person is eligible to marry if such person is:

- Not a party to another marriage, or a legal relationship that provides substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage, or one of the following exceptions are met:
 - The person is joined in a civil union and such person marries their civil union partner; or
 - The person is joined in another type of legal relationship that is substantially similar to a civil union, and such person marries the partner of such other relationship.
- Not under the supervision or control of a conservator, or the following exception is met:
 - The person is under the supervision or control of a conservator and such person has received written consent to marry from their conservator.
- Not prohibited from marrying pursuant to section C.G.S. § 46b-21. C.G.S. § 46-21 prohibits persons from marrying their parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, parent's sibling, sibling's child, stepparent or stepchild.

Marriage Restrictions:

- For applicants under 16 & 17 years of age, the parties must obtain the permission of a Judge of Probate for the underage marriage to occur.

See Connecticut General Statutes 46b-21 through 46b-30 and Public Act 09-13, An Act Implementing the Guarantee of Equal Protection Under the Constitution of the State for Same Sex Couples.

What Do I Need To Do To Get A Marriage License?

If you are planning to marry, you and your spouse-to-be must appear **IN PERSON** at a local vital records office to apply for a marriage license. The marriage license is issued to ensure that you and your spouse-to-be are eligible to be married. You must apply for your marriage license at the vital records office of the town where the marriage is to take place.

You will need to complete the marriage license application, provide identification and make a sworn statement that the information that you provide is true. You no longer need to have a blood test to obtain a marriage license in Connecticut.

Once the marriage ceremony takes place, the marriage officiator will submit the license to the registrar of vital records of the town where the marriage took place. The registrar will then register the license and place it on file for permanent record. Once registered, the marriage license becomes a vital record and is referred to as a marriage certificate.

The original license will remain as permanent record in the town of the marriage. **IF YOU GET MARRIED IN ANOTHER TOWN OTHER THAN WHAT WAS SWORN TO AND INDICATED ON THE LICENSE, IT COULD BE CONSIDERED AN INVALID LICENSE.**

If you need a current list of “Justices of the Peace”, either call the Town Clerk’s office or go to the Town’s website, <http://www.town.north-haven.ct.us/TownHallDepts/TownClerkForms.asp> for a list of the current Justices of the Peace.

For questions concerning the above, contact the Town Clerk’s office at 203 239-5321 x 630. Or you may get more information at the State Department of Health: <http://www.dph.state.ct.us/>

Both parties must be present in order to apply for the license. You must have either a valid passport, current motor vehicle ID issued by DMV or State ID issued by DMV, and your social security card. You must be at least 18 years of age to apply.

Applications are available Monday-Friday. Our office is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, except for Legal Holidays. Please arrive at least forty-five (45) minutes in advance of closing time, as it will take that much time to process your application/prepare your license.

****THE FEE FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES IS \$50.00 CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER****



TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN, CT
REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS
State of Connecticut – Department of Public Health

MARRIAGE LICENSE WORKSHEET

TODAY'S DATE: _____

GROOM/SPOUSE PHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE: _____

BRIDE/SPOUSE PHONE NUMBER: _____

GROOM/SPOUSE

BRIDE/SPOUSE

NAME (First) (Middle) (Last)			NAME (First) (Middle) (Last)		
SEX	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Year)	AGE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Year)	AGE
BIRTHPLACE (State or Country)		EDUCATION (No. Yrs. Completed)	BIRTHPLACE (State or Country)		EDUCATION (No. Yrs. Completed)
		GRADES 1-8	GRADES 9-12	COLLEGE (1-5+)	GRADE S 1-8
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (No. and Street)			RESIDENCE ADDRESS (No. and Street)		
CITY OR TOWN		COUNTY	STATE	CITY OR TOWN	
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RACE: Black White Hispanic Native American Asian Other	SUPERVISION OR CONTROL BY GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		RACE: Black White Hispanic Native American Asian Other	SUPERVISION OR CONTROL BY GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
FATHER'S NAME (First & Last Name)			FATHER'S NAME (First & Last Name)		
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (First & Last Name)			MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (First & Last Name)		
FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)		MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)	FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)		MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)
NO. OF THIS MARRIAGE		NO. OF CIVIL UNIONS	IF PREVIOUSLY IN MARRIAGE OR CIVIL UNION, LAST RELATIONSHIP WAS		
			MARRIAGE CIVIL UNION		
LAST RELATIONSHIP ENDED BY: ____ DEATH ____ DISSOLUTION ____ ANNULMENT ____ PREVIOUS CIVIL UNION DID NOT END. MARRYING CIVIL UNION PARTNER			LAST RELATIONSHIP ENDED BY: ____ DEATH ____ DISSOLUTION ____ ANNULMENT ____ PREVIOUS CIVIL UNION DID NOT END. MARRYING CIVIL UNION PARTNER		

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (Groom/Spouse): _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (Bride/Spouse): _____

OFFICIATOR'S INFORMATION

OFFICIATOR'S NAME (First & Last): _____

OFFICIATOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

OFFICIATOR'S ADDRESS _____

TOWN WHERE CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED: _____

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE COPY ACCESS

Who Can Request A Certified Copy Of A Marriage Certificate?

Connecticut marriage certificates are open to the general public. Anyone over 18 years of age may request a copy of any Connecticut marriage certificate. You must provide basic information such as the names of the wife and husband, the approximate date of marriage, and the town in which the marriage took place, so that the proper marriage record can be identified.

If you are requesting a marriage certificate, the social security numbers of the bride and groom will not be included on the certificate that you receive, unless you are one of the spouses to the marriage. See Connecticut General Statutes §7-51a.

Anyone 18 years of age or older may obtain a copy of any marriage certificate. The social security numbers of the bride and groom must be redacted prior to issuance, except to the following parties:

- Bride
- Groom
- Registrar of Town of Occurrence of wedding
- Registrar of Town of Residence
- Department of Public Health
- Other persons as authorized by the commissioner of Public Health

An original copy of a marriage license is on file in the Town Clerk's office in the town the wedding occurred and a copy in the town of residence at the time of said marriage.

The Social Security Administration will need a certified copy of the marriage certificate in order to change a name on their records, i.e. the license does not create an automatic name change.

Requests may be made in writing, via mail, or in person during regular office hours. A copy of photo I.D. must accompany request. A copy of a marriage license is \$20.00, payable to the North Haven Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Records.

THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS!!!