

## Vital Statistics

### Marriage, Civil Union, Remarriage and Reaffirmation of Civil Union Application (REG-77) and Instructions

The first page of the application can be completed by the couple; page two must be completed in front of the licensing officer and the couple's witness. If the couple can not appear together they are permitted to apply separately but must appear with the same witness.

The application must be made in the municipality in which either applicant resides, if the applicant(s) are a New Jersey resident and the license is valid anywhere in the State of New Jersey. If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident the application must be made in the municipality where the ceremony will take place, the license is valid only in the issuing municipality.

The applicants must bring documents that establish their identity, age, gender, residency and Social Security Number if a U.S. resident.

If applying for a Remarriage/Reaffirmation of Civil union you must bring a certified copy of the previous Marriage/Civil union.

Once the application is made there is a 72 hour waiting period prior to the issuance of the license. A Superior Court judge has the authority to waive all or part of the 72 hour waiting period. If the couple applies separately the 72 hour waiting period begins after the first applicant has completed the application. There is no waiting period for a Remarriage/Reaffirmation of Civil union. A couple that has previously entered into a Civil Union or a Same-Sex Marriage shall apply for a Reaffirmation of Civil Union.

Indicate at the top of the form the type of license for which the application is being filed.

- To file for a Marriage license the couple must be of the opposite sex, to file for a Civil union license the couple must be of the same sex
- To file for a Remarriage license the couple must already be in a marriage with the same spouse, have a certified copy of the existing marriage (translated to English if it is in a foreign language) and meet the requirements for marriage as established by New Jersey law
- To file for a Reaffirmation of Civil union license the couple must already be in a Civil union with the same partner, have a certified copy of the existing Civil union (translated to English if it is in a foreign language) and meet the requirements for Civil union as established by New Jersey law

**Block 1** for each applicant provide the name recorded on the birth certificate or if you have had a legal name change your legal name and your address information.

**Block 1a** provide your current name if different that recorded in block 1. Ex. If you assumed your spouse/partner's surname as a result of a former marriage or civil union.

**Block 6** indicate your current domestic status. You may only select one answer.

Current Domestic Partner applies to those same sex individuals who are currently registered as Domestic Partners and are applying to enter into a Civil Union, or opposite sex couples 62 years of age or older applying to enter into a marriage.

The information under the dotted line in Block 6 is required only for those individuals applying for a Remarriage to the same spouse or Reaffirmation of Civil union to the same partner. Indicate the current domestic status and the date and place of the original ceremony.

**Block 7a/7b** indicate either the number of times ever married if applying for a marriage license OR the number of times ever in a Civil union if applying for a Civil Union license. Only one of these blocks will be answered.

**Block 8** if applicable, indicate the name of the most recent spouse if applying for a marriage OR the name of the most recent Civil union partner if applying for a Civil union.

**Block 11** indicate if you are related to the other license applicant. Applicants must be first cousins or further removed relations in order to enter into a marriage or Civil union.

There is no requirement as to how long the witness has known the applicants. The witness must be of legal age (18) and verify, via the documents provided by the applicants. The age and residence of the applicants and identify if there is known to them any impediment to the marriage/Civil union.

**New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services  
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE**

MARRIAGE       REMARRIAGE       CIVIL UNION       REAFFIRMATION OF CIVIL UNION

*(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)*

<b>DECLARATION OF APPLICANT A</b> <i>(Giving false information constitutes perjury.)</i>				<b>DECLARATION OF APPLICANT B</b> <i>(Giving false information constitutes perjury.)</i>			
1. Name (First, Middle, Last) <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate)</i>				1. Name (First, Middle, Last) <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate)</i>			
Street Address <i>(Current Legal Residence)</i> <i>(See Note 1)</i>			County	Street Address <i>(Current Legal Residence)</i> <i>(See Note 1)</i>			County
Municipality of Residence <i>(See Note 4)</i>		State	Zip Code	Municipality of Residence <i>(See Note 4)</i>		State	Zip Code
1a. Current Name <i>(if different)</i>			2. Date of Birth	1a. Current Name <i>(if different)</i>			2. Date of Birth
3. Birthplace		4. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	5. Age <i>(See Note 2)</i>	3. Birthplace		4. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	5. Age <i>(See Note 2)</i>
6. Domestic Status <i>(at this time)</i> <i>(See Notes 3 and 5)</i>				6. Domestic Status <i>(at this time)</i> <i>(See Notes 3 and 5)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Single		Date _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Single		Date _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		Place _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		Place _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced		_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced		_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annulled		_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Annulled		_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Domestic Partner		_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Current Domestic Partner		_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Domestic Partner		_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Former Domestic Partner		_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Former Civil Union Partner		_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Former Civil Union Partner		_____	
For Remarriage to the same spouse, or Reaffirmation of Civil Union to the same partner, enter date and place of original ceremony:				For Remarriage to the same spouse, or Reaffirmation of Civil Union to the same partner, enter date and place of original ceremony:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage		Date _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage		Date _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Union		Place _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Union		Place _____	
7a. For Marriage License Applicants: Enter number of times ever Married <i>(if applicable)</i> :		7b. Name of Most Recent Spouse <i>(if any)</i> <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate)</i> :		7a. For Marriage License Applicants: Enter number of times ever Married <i>(if applicable)</i> :		7b. Name of Most Recent Spouse <i>(if any)</i> <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate)</i> :	
8a. For Civil Union Applicants: Enter number of times ever in a Civil Union <i>(if applicable)</i> :		8b. Name of Most Recent Civil Union Partner <i>(if any)</i> <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate)</i> :		8a. For Civil Union Applicants: Enter number of times ever in a Civil Union <i>(if applicable)</i> :		8b. Name of Most Recent Civil Union Partner <i>(if any)</i> <i>(List name given at birth or on birth certificate)</i> :	
9a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			9b. Birthplace	9a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			9b. Birthplace
10a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			10b. Birthplace	10a. Parent's Full Name at Birth			10b. Birthplace
11. Are you related to Applicant B? If "YES," how? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				11. Are you related to Applicant A? If "YES," how? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY EITHER APPLICANT</b>							
12. In which Incorporated Municipality in New Jersey do you intend for the ceremony to be performed? <i>(See Note 4)</i>				13. Intended Date of Ceremony		14. Telephone Number where either applicant can now be reached:	
15. Name and mailing address of person who is to perform the ceremony:				16. Mailing Address where you may be reached after the ceremony:			

*(See Notes on Page 2)*

Continue with Declaration of Identifying Witness and Oath.

UPON COMPLETION, APPLICATION IS TO BE RETAINED AS A PERMANENT RECORD.

DECLARATION OF IDENTIFYING WITNESS

(Giving false information constitutes perjury)

- 1. Name (First, Middle, Last):
Mailing Address (Street/PO Box):
City: State: Zip Code:
2. Have the applicants correctly stated their ages and usual residences?
3. Did the applicants make you aware of any legal impediment to their marriage / remarriage / civil union / reaffirmation of civil union?
If "Yes," explain:

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF APPLICANTS AND IDENTIFYING WITNESS

NOTE TO REGISTRAR - Applicants and witness should be told that taking a false oath constitutes perjury, which is punishable by a maximum fine of \$7,500.00.

We, who have hereunder signed our names, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we are not currently ruled mentally incompetent, the answers given by us in this application for a marriage, remarriage, civil union, or reaffirmation of civil union license are true, full and perfect answers to each and all of said questions.

Signature of Applicant A: Date:
Signature of Applicant B: Date:
Signature of Witness: Date:
Second Signature of Witness (if necessary): Date:

Sworn (or affirmed) and subscribed before me at
this day of , 20 at AM PM

Signature of Registrar:

REGISTRAR - DO NOT insert place and date of ceremony or file the application until either the completed certificate or copy thereof is sent to you. Follow-up on all licenses for completion.

License Number: Date of Issue:
Ceremony Performed in (City, Borough, Twp.):
Date of Ceremony:

NOTE 1. This is the permanent home and principal establishment to which, when absent, the applicant intends to return.

NOTE 2. Written consent of both parents is required for the marriage or civil union of any person under eighteen years of age. In addition, if any person is under sixteen, the consent of the parents must be approved in writing by a judge of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part. Consent of parents is required for the remarriage or reaffirmation of civil union of a minor previously married or joined in a civil union to the same partner in another state.

NOTE 3. When a remarriage or reaffirmation of civil union license is requested, indicate in Question 6 that the parties are already married or joined in a civil union. It is required that proof of the previous marriage or civil union be submitted to you. Common law marriages, which were legal prior to December 1, 1939, must be established by affidavit showing the place and date of the common law marriage

contract. The place and date of the previous marriage or civil union should be stated on both the application and the license. The seventy-two hour waiting period is waived. Consent of parents is required for the remarriage or reaffirmation of a civil union of a minor previously joined in a marriage or civil union to the same partner in another state.

NOTE 4. Municipality of residence is the municipality where applicant physically resides, not the mailing address. If both applicants are nonresidents of New Jersey, the application must be made in the municipality where the ceremony will be performed. Registrar should mark the license accordingly.

NOTE 5. The Registrar's review of a divorce decree, dissolution of Civil Union, or termination of Domestic Partnership, submitted with this application, in no way implies the validity of the submitted document. Such determination can only be made by a court of law.

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (TITLE 37:1-17)

Social Security Number of Applicant A
Social Security Number of Applicant B

Social Security Numbers shall be kept confidential and may only be released for child support purposes and shall not be considered a public record pursuant to P. L. 1963, C.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.)