

MARRIAGE LICENSES



To be married in New York State you must apply in person for a marriage license at any Town or City Clerk's office within New York State. The application for a license must be signed by both partners in the presence of the Clerk. If both parties are 18 years of age or older, no written parental or judicial consent is required. The marriage license is issued immediately, however it is not valid for a period of 24 hours after the issuance of the license. It is valid for 60 days. The fee for a license is \$40.00. Each applicant must provide the following:

- Birth Certificate, Baptismal, Naturalization or Census Record
- Valid Driver's license, State-issued non-driver photo-ID card, passport, U.S. Military issued photo-ID, Employment photo ID or Immigration record

All documents must be understandable by the Clerk; that is, written in English. If the document is not written English, it must be translated by a certified translator.

Each document must be current and either the original or a certified copy with a raised seal.

If either or both members of a couple are applying for a second marriage, certified copies of the divorce/death decrees must be furnished at the time of application. This applies to all previous marriages.

Additional information may be obtained from the New York State Department of Health website at www.health.state.ny.us.