



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

## CONNECTICUT

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS

You will need the following before a marriage license can be issued to you:

1) MARRIAGE APPLICATION:

- *You must now apply for the marriage license in the town of occurrence of the marriage* as of 10/1/2009. You must get married in the town indicated on the top of the Application, or your certificate is invalid.

A copy of the blank MARRIAGE LICENSE WORKSHEET is available on this web-site under "TOWN CLERK FORMS" or under "VITAL RECORDS". The blank application is also available in the Town Clerk's office.

- Both the bride and groom must appear in the Town Clerk's office when applying, in order to take their oaths. It is not necessary for both parties to appear at the same time.
- The application must be provided to the Town Clerk's office in order to obtain a marriage license. You must also be present with current photo identification - i.e., a driver's license, if you are a U.S. citizen. If you are not a U. S. citizen, a passport or some other official government photo identification will be necessary.
- The fee for a marriage license is \$30.00, payable from the time of application. We accept cash, personal in-state checks, money orders and cashier's checks. Credit cards or out-of-state checks will not be accepted as payment.
- The marriage license is only valid for 65 days from the date of application.

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- You must provide the Town Clerk's office with the date of the wedding, the name of the person performing the ceremony, a contact number and where the wedding is going to take place.
- The original marriage license must be given to, signed and executed by the Justice of the Peace or officiant legally able to perform weddings, and returned to the Town Clerk's office by the person performing the Ceremony.
- 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.**
- As of 10/1/09, a certified copy of the license after the ceremony will cost \$20.00. (As of 7/1/97, certified copies with social security numbers showing will be issued to the bride or groom only).

### 2) MARRIAGE RESTRICTIONS

- Applicants under 18 years of age need written consent of a parent or a guardian.
- For applicants under 16 years of age, the Judge of Probate must also sign on the license.

3) If you need a current list of "Justices of the Peace", click here.

For questions concerning the above, contact the Town Clerk's office at 287-7112. Or you may get more information at the State Department of Health:  
<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/>

Click here for a "Marriage License Request form" to request a copy of your marriage license by mail.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding, may you have good luck, good health and much love.

10/1/09

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