



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:

- *As of 10/1/09, applicants can only apply for the marriage license in the town that the wedding will occur.* However, you must get married in the town indicated on the license, or your certificate is invalid.
- A copy of the blank marriage application is available on this web-site under "FORMS & APPLICATIONS" or under "VITAL RECORDS". The blank application is also available in the Town Clerk's office.
- Both parties 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 an 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 do not accept credit cards or out-of-state checks as payment.
- The marriage license is only valid for 65 days from the date of application.

- 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. That Justice of the Peace or officiant that performed the ceremony is legally responsible for the return of the license to the Town Clerk's office in the town of marriage.
- 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 groom/spouse, bride/spouse 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*", either call Town Clerk's office or go to www.hamden.com, General Government, Justices of the Peace.

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/>