

APPLYING FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES AND CIVIL UNIONS

Applicants must call to make an appointment: 732-632-8523

- Application can be made where either party resides, with proof of residence. If neither party resides in NJ application must be made in the municipality where the marriage/civil union will take place
- Both individuals must be at least 18 years of age
- Both parties may be present; if reviewing the application separately, the same witness must be present both times. The witness must be 18 years of age or older
- Application cost - \$28, cash, check or money order due at the time of application

Additional information:

- If you were in a former union (marriage or civil union), and it was legally dissolved, you do not need to bring in your final decrees, but you do need to know the date and the municipality in which it was dissolved.
- If your former union ended due to death, a certified copy of death certificate is helpful, but not required. You do need to know date and municipality of death.
- You can download and complete the application on the State of New Jersey's website <https://www.nj.gov/health/forms/reg-77a.pdf>. Please follow all instructions. Declaration of Identifying Witness is done during the interview process.
- Once the application process is complete, there is a 72-hour waiting period before the license can be issued. If a time waiver is necessary, it must be granted by a Superior Court Judge.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

To complete a Domestic Partnership:

- Each partner must sign in front of a notary an Affidavit of Domestic Partnership (Affidavits are available from any local registrar's office)
- Partners must be 62 years of age or older and of opposite sex
- Share a common residence or one is a member of NJ State Retirement System
- Jointly responsible for each other's common welfare
- Not in any other commitment recognized by NJ Law
- Notarized Affidavit must be taken to any local registrar's office to be filed and purchase a certificate of Domestic Partnership
- Fee of \$28, cash, check or money order