

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE

## Application:

Please print out and complete the marriage license application form. You may also get an application form at the Local Registrar's office.

**Do not sign the marriage application form before going to the Local Registrar. You must sign the application, while under oath, in the presence of the issuing authority.**

## Requirements for entering into a Marriage:

For two persons to establish a Marriage in this State, it shall be necessary that they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- a. Not be a party to another civil union, domestic partnership or marriage in this State or recognized by this State;
- b. Be of the opposite sex ; and
- c. Be at least 18 years of age, except that applicants under the age of 18 may enter into a Marriage with parental consent. Applicants under the age of 16 must obtain parental consent and have the consent approve in writing by any judge of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family part.

## Where to apply:

1. The marriage license application is to be made in the New Jersey municipality in which either party resides and the license is valid throughout the State of New Jersey.

If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, submit the application in the municipality where the marriage ceremony will be performed, the license is **only** valid in the issuing municipality.

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A CIVIL UNION LICENSE

## Application:

Please print out and complete the civil union license application form. You may also get an application form at the Local Registrar's office.

**Do not sign the civil union application form before going to the Local Registrar. You must sign the application, while under oath, in the presence of the issuing authority.**

## Requirements for entering into a Civil Union:

For two people to establish a civil union in New Jersey, they must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- a. Not be a party to another civil union, domestic partnership or marriage in this state or that is recognized by this state\*;
- b. Be of the same sex ; and
- c. Be at least 18 years of age, except that applicants under 18 may enter into a civil union with parental consent. Applicants under age 16 must obtain parental consent and have the consent approved in writing by any judge of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part.

\* Same sex couples who meet the above requirements and are registered as domestic partners may enter into a civil union with the same person without terminating their domestic partnership first. If the domestic partnership was registered in New Jersey, it automatically terminates when the civil union is registered. If the domestic partnership was registered in another state, that state's laws determine the impact on the domestic partnership. A couple that has previously entered into a civil union or a same-sex marriage shall apply for a Reaffirmation of Civil Union License.

## Where to apply:

1. You may apply in the New Jersey municipality in which either person resides. The license is valid throughout the state.

If neither applicant lives in New Jersey, submit the application in the municipality where the civil union ceremony will be performed. The license is **only** valid in the issuing municipality.