



MARRIAGE LICENSING FOR OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS

In order to marry in New Jersey, you will be required to apply for your marriage license at City Hall in the specific township that your ceremony will take place:

- Avalon Borough: 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, NJ 08202 609-967-2990
- **Cape May City:** 643 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ 08204 609-884-9530
- **Cape May Point Borough:** 215 Lighthouse Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212 609-884-8468
- Dennis Township: 571 Petersburg Road, Dennisville, NJ 08214 609-861-9700
- **Lower Township:** 2600 Bayshore Road, Villas, NJ 08251 609-886-2005
- Middle Township: 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 609-465-8721
- North Wildwood City: 901 Atlantic Ave, North Wildwood, NJ 08260 609-522-2030
- Ocean City: 861 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226 609-525-9323
- Sea Isle City: 233 JFK Boulevard, Sea Isle City, NJ 08243 609-263-4461
- Stone Harbor Borough: 9508 Second Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247 609-368-5102
- Upper Township: 2100 Tuckahoe Road, Tuckahoe, NJ 08270 609-628-2011
- **West Cape May Borough:** 732 Broadway, West Cape May, NJ 08204 609-884-1005
- West Wildwood Borough: 701 W. Glenwood Avenue, West Wildwood, NJ 08260 609-522-4845
- Wildwood City: 440 New Jersey Avenue, Wilwood, NJ 08260 609-522-2444
- Wildwood Crest Borough: 6101 Pacific Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260 609-522-5176
- Woodbine Borough: 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, NJ 08270 609-861-2153

GETTING STARTED

You'll first fill out an application and provide proof of identification and residency. You must visit the municipal vital statistics office together and in person. You will need to bring a witness with you when you apply. This person must be at least 18 years old.

Also, make sure to bring:

- Driver's License, State/Federal ID or Passport.
- Social Security Card or Social Security Number.
- \$28 application fee payable to Atlantic City.
- You will need to provide the full name and birth place of your parents.
- If divorced, it is suggested that you bring a copy of your divorce decree
- If widowed, it is suggested that you bring a copy of the death certificate.

Once your application is complete and accepted, there is a mandatory seventy-two (72) hour waiting period before the actual license can be issued to you. This is a New Jersey law. Once the waiting period is complete, you may pick up your marriage license. Once received, your marriage ceremony can take place at anytime within thirty (30) days.

If you plan to have a Saturday wedding, the absolute latest you can apply for your license is on the preceding Tuesday. Don't wait until Wednesday to apply as the licensing office will not be open on Saturday when the 72 hour waiting period ends.



Helpful things to keep in mind:

- The Vital Statistics Office is a government office. They are closed evenings and weekends.
- The waiting period is exactly 72 hours and should not be confused with three business days.
- **You can not apply for your marriage license online or by mail.**

It is a good idea to contact your Vital Statistics Office by phone as some offices require an appointment.

After the ceremony is complete, your officiant will provide you with a receipt copy of your completed marriage certificate. He/She will then file the original paperwork with the Vital Statistics Office within five days. You will need to contact the Vital Statistics Office after a week or so to request a certified copy of your marriage certificate.

Don't let the red tape get to you. It seems complicated but it's really quite easy once everything is understood. If you have questions, we are here to help guide you through the process.

Is there a way around the 72 hour waiting period?

Yes, but only by a court order issued by a New Jersey Superior Court Judge. This option should only be sought if there is an extreme emergency.

What if we can't get a license in time or just don't want one?

We're sorry, but we can't provide a wedding ceremony without a license. If you are already married and only intend to renew your vows, let us know and we're happy to help. If you are not legally married yet, you absolutely need a marriage license in order to use our services.