

TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE
Department of Health – Office of Vital Statistics
(973) 694-1800 ext. 3205

Important Note to Persons Applying for a Marriage License in the Township of Wayne

One applicant must be a resident of the Township of Wayne. If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, then the application must be taken in the municipality where the marriage will be performed.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE

1. In order to legally marry, you must make an appointment with the Office of Vital Statistics for the purposes of completing an application for a marriage license. Please call (973)694-1800 ext. 3205 to make an appointment.
2. The marriage license will not be issued on the same day that the application is taken. In accordance with State law, you must wait three (3) days/seventy-two (72) hours after submission of your application to legally marry. Only a County Court Judge may issue an order waiving the three (3) days/seventy-two (72) hour waiting period.
3. Once your license is issued, you may only marry in the State of New Jersey. In addition, once your license is issued, it is only valid for thirty (30) days from the date of issuance.
4. At the time of your application appointment, you must provide the marriage date, the address where the marriage will take place, and the name of the person who will perform the marriage.
5. **At the time of the application appointment, the APPLICANTS must have the following documents in their possession:**
 - **PROOF OF ADDRESS FOR BOTH APPLICANTS** – one applicant must have a Wayne Township address.
 - **BIRTH CERTIFICATES** – required for both applicants and must be translated if not in English.
 - **PHOTO IDENTIFICATION** – may include driver’s license, county ID, or state/federal ID.
 - **SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS OR NUMBERS FOR BOTH APPLICANTS IF ISSUED** – if either applicant has a social security card, the card(s) or the social security numbers must be provided at the time of the application appointment.
 - **DIVORCE, DEATH CERTIFICATES, ANNULMENT DOCUMENTS** – if the applicants were divorced, widowed, or had their marriage annulled, the civil divorce

decree, death certificate for the previous spouse, or civil annulment documents must be presented at the time of the application appointment. Documents in a foreign language other than Spanish must be translated into English.

- **WITNESS** – one witness who is 18 years of age or older must appear with the applicants at the time of the application.

THE FEE FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE IS \$28.00
THIS NON-REFUNDABLE FEE IS REQUIRED WHEN YOU APPLY FOR YOUR LICENSE.