

# Getting hitched without a hitch

## Guidelines for applying for a Marriage License:

1. License fee is \$40.00 payable by cash or check.
2. Both Bride & Groom need to be present at the time of the application.
3. Photo driver's license or non driver's license for proof of identity. Passports issued after 9/11/2001 may be used if a drivers or non drivers identification is not available.
4. Certified Long Form Birth Certificate for proof of birth name.
5. If this is not the first marriage for either applicant, Certified Divorce Decrees for each and every previous marriage must be provided. The date(s), City and State of decree and which party filed for the divorce is recorded on the new application. If the marriage ended with the death of a spouse a Certified Death Certificate is required.
6. Once the license is purchased, there is a 24 hour waiting period before the license can be used.
7. The license is valid for only 60 days.
8. Your license is filed in the Town where purchased and not where the marriage occurs.
9. You may apply for your license at any Town or City Clerk in New York State. Should you choose this office, you must arrive by 4:00 p.m.