

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 Spouses 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 driver's or non driver's identification is not available.
4. Certified Long Form Birth Certificate for proof of birth name. (Including Father's name, if known, and Mother's maiden)
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. Church annulments are not considered valid in New York State.
6. Once the license is purchased, there is a 24 hour waiting period before it may 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, appointments are appreciated especially between 12 and 1:30 pm to ensure adequate service. In general, marriage licenses are issued from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. No marriage licenses are issued after 4 pm.