

State Requirements Must Be Met Before Marriage

A couple who intends to be married in New York State must apply in person for a marriage license to any town or city clerk in the state. The application for such a license must be signed only by the bride and groom, if both are 18 years of age or older.

A marriage license is valid for 60 days from the date it was issued. However, the marriage ceremony may not take place within three days from the date on which either blood specimen was taken or within 24 hours from the time that the license was issued, whichever is later.

It is noteworthy that the day on which the blood is taken does not count as one of the three days.

The fee is \$5 for the license and up to \$5 for the Certificate of Marriage Registration. The latter is automatically sent by the clerk to the applicants within 15 days after the completed license is returned by the officiant, and serves as notice that a record of their marriage is on file.

THE PREMARITAL EXAM

Upon application, the clerk will require from each applicant a statement signed by a licensed physician or a commissioned medical officer of the Armed Forces or the U.S. Public Health Service. The statement must indicate that on the basis of an examination and blood test, the applicant is not infected with syphilis or, if infected, is not in a communicable state.

The statement, form VS-

77M, is usually provided to physicians by the laboratory performing the blood test. The applicants obtain their respective statements from the physician when the results of the blood test are returned by the laboratory.

A premarital examination report is valid for 30 days from the date on which the examination and blood test are made.

An examination and blood test are not required when a couple who is already legally married needs a license for the purpose of a second or subsequent ceremony.

The provisions of the premarital examination and blood test may be modified or waived by order of a justice of the Supreme Court or the county judge of the county in which the woman resides. Such justice or judge may also authorize the ceremony to take place immediately.

WHO CAN GET MARRIED?

A person may be required to submit documentary proof of age in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal record, passport, driver's license, employment certificate, school record, immigration record, naturalization record or court record. No other type of proof, such as a statement by parents may be accepted.

There are special requirements for issuing a marriage license to minors:

- Marriage is prohibited if the man is less than 16 years of age or the woman is under 14.

- If the woman is over 14 but under 16, she must submit the written consent of both of her parents or guardian and the written approval of either a justice of the Supreme Court or the judge of a Family Court having jurisdiction of the area where she applies for a license.

- If either the man or woman is over 16 but under 18 years of age, he or she must submit the written consent of both parents or guardians.

One parent alone may consent to a minor's marriage if: 1. the other parent has been missing for one year preceding the application; 2. the parents have been divorced and the consenting parent was given full custody of the child when

the divorce decree was awarded; or 3. the other parent has been judged incompetent.

Parents, guardians or other persons consenting to the marriage of a minor must personally appear and acknowledge or execute their consent before the town or city clerk or some other authorized official. If the affidavit is made before an official outside of the State of New York, it must be accompanied by a certificate of authentication when the consent is filed in New York State.

A marriage may not take place in New York State between an ancestor and

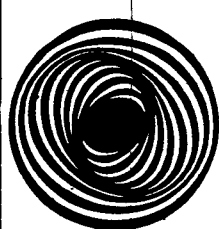
descendant, a brother and sister (full- or half-blood), an uncle and niece or an aunt and nephew, regardless of whether or not these persons are legitimate or illegitimate offspring.

If you've been married before, information regarding previous marriages must be furnished in the application for a marriage license. This includes whether the former spouse or spouses are living, and whether the applicants are divorced persons and, if so, when, where, and against whom the divorce or divorces were granted. A Certificate of Dissolution of Marriage issued by a county clerk may be required by the clerk issuing the marriage license.

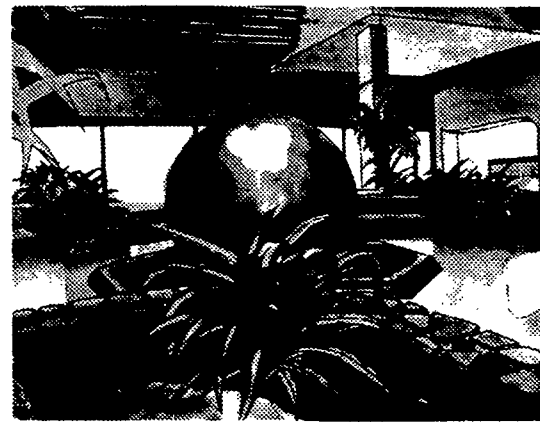
To be valid, a marriage must be conducted by one of the individuals specified in Section II of the Domestic Relations Law. Further information concerning who may perform a marriage ceremony is available from the clerk.

The marriage certificate must be signed by the officiant and a least one witness.

Within five days of the marriage, the officiant must forward the marriage certificate to the town or city clerk who issued the license. If there was a court order authorizing an immediate ceremony, it must also be sent to the clerk.



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Take time to talk about your marriage, your dreams, and what's important in your life together.

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Take time to disagree. The only way you'll ever change and agree is to open yourselves and listen.

Take time to turn back to each other and heal each other when you hurt.

Take time to know that your love and caring for each other will blossom if

you reach out to touch the lives of others together.

Take time for faith, to pray together. Center your life in Christ. Believe that whenever you decide to turn to each other in love, whether in joy or pain, hurt or pride, physical need or satisfaction, doubt or confidence, His grace will be present. The sacrament of marriage is different from just civil marriage in that the sacrament is a daily celebration of two people's commitment to be a sign of God's unconditional love to each other and to build a life of ministry to others among a faith community of fellow believers.

We rejoice with you at this special time in your life. We believe in you. Our wish for you is that in building your life together, you experience much joy, peace, and love.

... THE TOAST ...

The person giving the toast can use similes, metaphors, analogies, fables, stories or other special approaches. The danger in using these methods, however, is that the person giving the toast may focus attention on his or her own cleverness.

... THE TOAST ...

Can be led off by using a humorous incident that happened during the courting days of the couple, or a description of how the couple met.