



APPLICATION FOR  
**LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE**  
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF MARIN  
 MAY ONLY BE USED BY PERSONS WHO ARE PRESENTLY LIVING TOGETHER AND  
 WHO WILL BE MARRIED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MARIN

NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**ONE APPLICATION PER COUPLE AND BOTH MUST APPEAR IN PERSON**  
**\$93.00 FEE: CASH OR CHECK, PAYABLE TO "MARIN COUNTY CLERK"**

- A confidential marriage license is not a public record. You may want a confidential marriage license if you are a celebrity, work in law enforcement or have another confidentiality issue. You will be asked to swear (or affirm) that the information you have provided is true and correct, that you are currently unmarried, that you have been living together, and that there is no legal objection to the marriage.
- The ceremony must be performed in Marin County.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS SHOWN ON THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION**

<b>PERSONAL DATA (required)</b>	1A. FIRST NAME :	1B. MIDDLE: (no initials)	1C. CURRENT LAST NAME(S):		1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH: (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)
	2. DATE OF BIRTH: ( MM DD YYYY) ____/____/____	3. STATE or COUNTRY OF BIRTH:	4. # OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES/SRDP:	5A. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> TERM. OF STATE REG. DOM. PARTNRS <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT	5B. DATE MARRIAGE ENDED: ( MM DD YYYY) ____/____/____
<b>OPTIONAL:</b> Bride <input type="checkbox"/>  Groom <input type="checkbox"/>	6. ADDRESS:	7. CITY:		8. STATE/COUNTRY:	9. ZIP CODE:
	10A. FATHER/PARENT'S FULL NAME(S):	10B. STATE OF BIRTH: (country if not US)	11A. MOTHER/PARENT'S FULL NAME(S) AT BIRTH:		11B. STATE OF BIRTH : (country if not US)
<b>PERSONAL DATA (required)</b>	12A. FIRST NAME :	12B. MIDDLE:(no initials)	12C. CURRENT LAST NAME(S):		12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH: (IF DEFFERENT THAN 12C)
	13. DATE OF BIRTH: (MM DD YYYY) ____/____/____	14. STATE or COUNTRY OF BIRTH:	15. # OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGES/SRDP:	16A. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> TERM. OF STATE REG.DOM. PARTNRS. <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCE <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT	16B. DATE MARRIAGE ENDED: ( MM DD YYYY) ____/____/____
<b>OPTIONAL:</b> Bride <input type="checkbox"/>  Groom <input type="checkbox"/>	17. ADDRESS:	18. CITY:		19. STATE/COUNTRY:	20. ZIP CODE:
	21A. FATHER/PARENT'S FULL NAME(S):	21B. STATE OF BIRTH: (country if not US)	22A. MOTHER/PARENT'S FULL NAME(S) AT BIRTH:		22B. STATE OF BIRTH: (country if not US)

**NAME CHANGE**

A PHONE NUMBER WHERE YOU MAY BE REACHED:  
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**I have read and understand both front and back of this application, 2 initials required**

First Person \_\_\_\_\_ Second person \_\_\_\_\_

**GROOM:** Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ **BRIDE:** Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Confidential marriage certificates are issued at the County Clerk's Administrative Office in Room 247, Second Floor, at the Marin County Civic Center from 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., weekdays. The office is closed on all state and federal holidays. (The issuance of confidential marriage certificates is governed by Section 4213 of the Civil Code of California)

- Both parties must appear together with picture identification and a copy of their birth certificates.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are interested in obtaining a confidential marriage license, you should be aware of the following information:

You will be asked to sign a statement, under oath, which states the following:

*"We the undersigned, declare that we are unmarried, not minors, and have been living together..."*

If you obtain a confidential marriage license in Marin County, you must be married in Marin County. Confidential marriage licenses are available in all counties statewide, and must be used in the county in which they are issued.

A confidential marriage license is not a public record. After you are married, the certificate is returned and filed with the County Clerk.

Information concerning a confidential marriage license cannot be obtained except by a court order from a Judge of the Superior Court.

### **PREVIOUSLY MARRIED:**

If either party was previously married, they will need to know the date the last marriage ended. If either party was divorced within the last 90 days a copy of the final judgment is required.

### **UNDER 18:**

Minors may not be issued a Confidential Marriage License, please see the clerk for more information.

### **GETTING MARRIED:**

Like a public marriage license, a confidential marriage license must be used, by having a wedding, within 90 days from the date it is issued. The expiration date will be shown on the license. The officiant is required to return the certificate to the County Clerk's Office in the envelope provided.

### **CERTIFIED COPIES:**

A spouse may purchase certified copies of the certificate for \$13.00 each. The couple may purchase copies by: either spouse appearing in person at the County Clerk's Office and providing picture identification; sending in the **ORIGINAL** Request Form that was provided at the time the certificate was issued together with a self addressed, stamped envelope; or, by sending a request with a notarized statement of identity along with a self addressed, stamped envelope.

We urge all couples to obtain a certified copy of the license as soon as possible after the marriage is performed. For future requests, please contact the County Clerk's Office to verify the current fee.

### **FC 306.5 & SB 102: MUST READ**

FC 306.5 and SB 102 "The Name Equality Act of 2007" allows couples to change their names. If you do not know about these items you may want to research them or contact an attorney. The marriage license cannot be amended to change/add the middle or last name at a later date. You will need to petition Superior Court.

### **CIVIL CEREMONIES (APPT. ONLY):**

Weddings performed in our office cost \$56.00 and are held weekday afternoons, by appointment only. Please see the civil ceremony instruction sheet if more information is required. If you would like to make an appointment for a civil ceremony, please call (415) 499-6152. No witness is required for a ceremony with a confidential license.

### **IMPORTANT FACTS:**

Applicants must review their License & Certificate of Marriage for errors at the time of purchase. Any error in the full legal name, or any other item may result in issues with U.S. Citizenship Immigration Services. To correct errors *after* a wedding has occurred, an Affidavit to Amend a Record must be filed with the State of California. This process can take up to one year.

### **NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL OUR RECORDING AT (415) 499-3003. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL (415) 499-6152 BETWEEN 9:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M., WEEKDAYS.

**BEST WISHES ON YOUR FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE! MICHAEL J. SMITH, MARIN COUNTY CLERK**