

TOWN of NORTH BRANFORD

Office of the Town Clerk

FAQ's about APPLYING for a MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION LICENSE

Where do we get our license?

Marriage/Civil Union License MUST be obtained in the town where the ceremony will occur.

Do we both need to be there?

To obtain a Marriage/Civil Union License, both parties must appear in person; if you cannot come in together please print and prepare the Marriage/Civil Union License worksheet in advance and allow the first person appearing to bring that with them. The second party may then come in to show identification, sign the document and will leave with the completed document.

Do we need blood tests?

As of October 1, 2003, NO blood test is necessary.

What else do we need to bring?

You will need a photo ID. In cases of divorce prior to this union, NO divorce papers are necessary.

When may the license be used?

There is NO waiting period. The license may be used immediately after obtaining it. The license is valid for 65 days from the date of application.

What is the fee?

The fee for obtaining a Marriage/Civil Union License in the State of Connecticut is \$30.00. Payment method is cash or check. No credit/debit cards are accepted.

What happens to the certificate after the ceremony?

The person who performs the Marriage/Civil Union ceremony must complete the certificate AFTER performing the union and return it to the REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS in the town in which the CEREMONY OCCURRED. The town of occurrence maintains the original and sends certified copies to the State of Connecticut along with the town(s) of residence within Connecticut as listed on the certificate. Once that occurs you may purchase certified copies from either the town of occurrence OR the town(s) of residence. The fee is \$20.00 per certified copy.

Can a friend/family member who has become ordained on the internet legally perform our marriage ceremony?

NO. Connecticut State Statute, 46b-22 states that clergy must "continue in the work of the ministry". This means that any ordained minister who does not regularly carry out ministerial work would NOT be authorized to perform marriage ceremonies in Connecticut.