

# APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Groom<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bride<br>FIRST PERSON DATA  | 1A. FIRST NAME   |  |                            |                               | 1B. MIDDLE  |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 1C. CURRENT LAST   |  |                            |                               | 1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)       |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)  |  | 3. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH  |                               | 4. #PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP                            |  | 5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY:<br><input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A  |  | 5B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)  |  |
|  | 6. ADDRESS   |  |                            |                               | 7. CITY   |  | 8. STATE/COUNTRY  |  | 9. ZIP CODE                  |  |
|  | 10A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT  |  |                            |                               | 10B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY) |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 11A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT  |  |                            |                               | 11B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY) |  |   |  |                              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groom<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bride<br>SECOND PERSON DATA | 12A. FIRST NAME  |  |                            |                               | 12B. MIDDLE   |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 12C. CURRENT LAST  |  |                            |                               | 12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 12C)     |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 13. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)   |  | 14. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH |                               | 15. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP                          |  | 16A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY:<br><input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |  | 16B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY) |  |
|  | 17. ADDRESS  |  |                            |                               | 18. CITY  |  | 19. STATE/COUNTRY   |  | 20. ZIP CODE                 |  |
|  | 21A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT  |  |                            |                               | 21B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY) |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 22A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT  |  |                            |                               | 22B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY) |  |   |  |                              |  |
| AFFIDAVIT  | WE, THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT WE ARE UNMARRIED AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE MARRIAGE NOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IS KNOWN TO US. WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. |  |                            |                               |   |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 23. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D   |  |                            |                               | 24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D    |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | First Person's Phone Number:   |  |                            | Second Person's Phone Number: |   |  | Date, City & State of Marriage  |  |                              |  |
| SEE<br>INFORMATION ON<br>REVERSE SIDE<br>RE:<br>NEW NAMES<br>(IF ANY)                  | NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)   |  |                            |                               |   |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 30A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 1A  |  |                            | 30B. MIDDLE                   |   |  | 30C. LAST   |  |                              |  |
|  | NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 12A-12D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)   |  |                            |                               |   |  |   |  |                              |  |
|  | 31A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 12A   |  |                            | 31B. MIDDLE                   |   |  | 31C. LAST   |  |                              |  |

### PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

- When you sign this application, you are stating under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is true and correct, that you are currently both unmarried, and that there is no legal objection to the marriage.
- If you are using a regular public marriage license, you may be married anywhere in California. If you are using a confidential marriage license, you must be married in the same county that issues the license. Check the license to see what the requirements are for witnesses and solemnization.
- Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. You must be married on or after the issuance date, and on or before the expiration date of the license. Licenses not used within this timeframe are void.
- The appropriate fee may be paid in cash or by check, payable to the county clerk.
- No refunds are given for marriage licenses purchased in error.
- Please check the type of marriage license you would like to apply for:
  - License and Certificate of Marriage (VS 117)** — This is the standard type of marriage license. Since the public marriage license requires the signature of a marriage officiant, they are not available to members of religious denominations not having clergy. This type of marriage license requires the signature of at least one witness and one person solemnizing the marriage.
  - License and Certificate of Marriage for Denominations Not Having Clergy (VS 115)** — This type of license is used for the recording of marriages for members of religious societies or denominations that do not have clergy for the purpose of solemnizing a marriage.
  - Confidential License and Certificate of Marriage (VS 123)** — Confidential marriage licenses may only be issued to an unmarried couple. Since the confidential marriage license requires the signature of a marriage officiant, they are not available to members of religious denominations not having clergy. Certified copies of the marriage license and certificate may only be issued to the couple. Confidential marriage licenses may not be available in all counties.

See Reverse for information related to the New Name Fields

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE NAME EQUALITY ACT OF 2007

One or both parties to a marriage may elect to change the middle or last names by which that party wishes to be known after they are married by entering the new name in fields 30A thru 31C, as applicable, on the marriage license application **at the time they are applying for the marriage license**. The parties may choose any of the following **middle or last names** as the name they wish to be known as after marriage [FC § 306.5(b)(2)]:

- ◆ Current last name of the other spouse
- ◆ Last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◆ A name combining into a **single last name** all or a segment of the current last name or last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◆ A hyphenated combination of last names

**NOTE:** You may **not** change your **first name** using this process. **IMPORTANT:** You **may not** amend the marriage license **after it has been issued** to add or change the name you wish to be known as after you are married. The name you indicate on the marriage license application will be your name on the marriage license/certificate and cannot be changed by the County Clerk.

**You are not required to change your name, nor are parties required to have the same name.**

**If one or both parties do not wish to identify a new name on the marriage license, fields 30A thru 31C, as applicable, on the marriage license will be completed with two single dashes. You may not change the information on the marriage license after it has been issued by the County Clerk.**

The marriage certificate is used by multiple local, state, federal and private agencies, each of which have different rules and/or regulations regarding what documents are acceptable to change your name on their records following marriage. It is recommended that you contact these agencies to verify their requirements **prior to applying for your marriage license**.

It is unlawful for our employees to answer questions of a legal nature. County Clerk staff cannot advise you how to complete the marriage license application as it relates to your entry of a new name or retention of your former name on the marriage license application. For your protection, if you have **any** questions regarding whether you should or should not list your new name on the marriage license application, and/or how the Name Equality Act of 2007 may affect you, please consult an attorney **prior to applying for your marriage license**.

See Reverse for Marriage License Application