

## APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSE

The person performing this marriage ceremony is (check one):

Clergy person (minister, priest, rabbi, etc.)       Commissioner or Deputy commissioner of civil marriages  
 Judge       Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ With this application you are applying for a public marriage license issued pursuant to Family Code §359.
- ◆ You may be married anywhere in California in the presence of at least one witness. Your marriage must be solemnized by a person authorized to perform marriages in California as provided in Family Code §400-401.
- ◆ 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. A license not used within this timeframe is void.
- ◆ The cost of this application for a public marriage license is : \$60. Non-refundable
- ◆ **You must review the information on the reverse side of this application pertaining to the *New Names (If Any)* fields, and understand the information in the new name fields cannot be changed or amended after the license is issued.**

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INDICATE FULL NAME OF OTHER PARTY TO MARRIAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

OPTIONAL:  Groom or  Bride

What is the name that appears on your birth certificate?					
FIRST NAME		MIDDLE		LAST NAME	
1A. FIRST NAME			1B. MIDDLE		
1.C CURRENT LAST			1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)		
2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. STATE / COUNTRY OF BIRTH	4. #PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP	5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <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
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)		
<b>NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)</b>					
FIRST - MUST BE SAME AS 1A		MIDDLE		LAST	

**IMPORTANT PLEASE READ:** I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT I AM UNMARRIED AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I FURTHER DECLARE THAT NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE MARRIAGE NOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IS KNOWN TO ME. I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE I HAVE READ AND REVIEWED THE INFORMATION REGARDING NEW NAMES LOCATED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

**COUNTY CLERK USE ONLY**

NAME ON ID: \_\_\_\_\_ VERIFIED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB PER ID: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE OF ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## **INFORMATION REGARDING THE NAME EQUALITY ACT OF 2007**

The Name Equality Act of 2007 (AB 102, Chapter 567, Statutes of 2007 amended by AB 1143, Chapter 512, Statutes of 2009) gives specific rights to parties at the time they are applying for a California marriage license to choose and list on the marriage license the new name that each party will go by after marriage.

The new law pertains to marriage licenses issued **on or after 01/01/2009**. It does not apply to marriage licenses issued prior to 01/01/2009.

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 **at the time they are applying for the marriage license**.

Each party to the marriage may adopt any of the following **last names**:

- The current last name of the other spouse.
- The 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 the last name of either spouse given at birth.
- A hyphenated combination of last names.

Each party to the marriage may adopt any of the following **middle names**:

- The current last name of either spouse.
- The last name of either spouse given at birth.
- A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse.
- A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the birth last name of the person or spouse.

**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.**

A certified copy of the marriage certificate containing the new name, or retaining the former name, shall constitute proof that the use of the new name or retention of the former name is lawful [FC § 306.5(b)(3)(a)]:

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**.