

# LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

MUST BE LEGIBLE - MAKE NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS, OR OTHER ALTERATIONS

USE DARK INK ONLY

STATE FILE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride 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: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> Bride 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: <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
LICENSE TO MARRY	I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES TO BE MARRIED HAVE PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, OR THE PERSON PERFORMING THE CEREMONY HAS PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME AND PRESENTED AN AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY THE PARTIES TO BE MARRIED DECLARING THAT ONE OR BOTH OF THE PARTIES ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO APPEAR AND EXPLAINING THE REASONS THEREFOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAMILY CODE SECTION 426. THE PARTIES PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO BE THE PERSONS CLAIMED, HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, AND HAVE PAID THE FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW. AUTHORIZATION AND LICENSE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ANY PERSON DULY AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PERSONS. <u>REQUIRED CONSENTS AND AFFIDAVITS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE ARE ON FILE.</u>	
	25A. ISSUE DATE (MM/DD/CCYY)	25B. EXPIRES AFTER (MM/DD/CCYY)
	25E. MARRIAGE LICENSE NUMBER	25F. COUNTY OF ISSUE
	25C. NAME OF COUNTY CLERK	25D. SIGNATURE OF CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK
		BY ▶
	25G. RETURN COMPLETED MARRIAGE LICENSE TO (INCLUDE ADDRESS):	
WITNESS(ES) (ONE REQUIRED, NO MORE THAN TWO ALLOWED)	26A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	26B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)
	26C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE	
	27A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	27B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)
	27C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE	
CERTIFICATION OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE	I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES WERE JOINED BY ME IN MARRIAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTE: THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY MUST TAKE PLACE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.	
	28A. DATE OF MARRIAGE (MM/DD/CCYY)	28B. CITY/TOWN OF MARRIAGE
		28C. COUNTY OF MARRIAGE
	29A SIGNATURE OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE	29B. RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION (IF CLERGY)
	29C. NAME OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)	29D. OFFICIAL TITLE
	29E. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE	
NEW NAMES (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
LOCAL REGISTRAR	32A. NAME OF LOCAL REGISTRAR	32B. SIGNATURE OF CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK
		BY ▶
		32C. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION

## INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Refunds **CANNOT** be given after a marriage license is issued.

You will not be notified that your license has been registered. You do not automatically receive a certified copy. You must request and pay for a certified copy from the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) in the county where the license was issued.

**SRDP = State Registered Domestic Partnership as registered with the Secretary of State.** Pursuant to Family Code, Section 298.5(c), no person who has filed a Declaration of Domestic Partnership may enter a marriage with someone other than their registered domestic partner unless the most recent domestic partnership has been terminated or a final judgment of dissolution or nullity has been entered, or the domestic partnership terminated due to death of one of the domestic partners.

**"New Name(s)"—Law applying to middle and last names (items 30B, 30C, 31B, and 31C) OPTIONAL:** Pursuant to Family Code Section 306.5, at the time of application for a marriage license, one or both parties to the marriage may elect to change the middle or last names, or both, by which that party wishes to be known after solemnization of the marriage by entering that information on the marriage license application. Parties 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 last name given at birth of the person or spouse. Parties 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 last name of either spouse given at birth; a hyphenated combination of last names. **NOTE: The first name of the parties may not be changed on the marriage license. An amendment to the new name fields may only be issued to correct clerical errors, and that amendment must be signed by one of the parties to the marriage and the county clerk or his or her deputy.**

### Family Code Section 400

Marriage may be solemnized by any of the following who is of the age of 18 years or older:

- (a) A priest, minister, rabbi, or authorized person of any religious denomination.
- (b) A judge or retired judge, commissioner of civil marriages or retired commissioner of civil marriages, commissioner or retired commissioner, or assistant commissioner of a court of record in this state.
- (c) A judge or magistrate who has resigned from office.
- (d) Any of the following judges or magistrates of the United States.
  - (1) A justice or retired justice of the United States Supreme Court.
  - (2) A judge or retired judge of a court of appeals, a district court, or any court created by an act of Congress the judges of which are entitled to hold office during good behavior.
  - (3) A judge or retired judge of a bankruptcy court or a tax court.
  - (4) A United States magistrate or retired magistrate.
- (e) A legislator or constitutional officer of this state or a member of Congress who represents a district within this state, while that person holds office.

### Family Code Section 401

- (a) For each county, the county clerk is designated as a commissioner of civil marriages.
- (b) The commissioner of civil marriages may appoint deputy commissioners of civil marriages who may solemnize marriages under the direction of the commissioner of civil marriages and shall perform other duties directed by the commissioner.

### **To Person Solemnizing Marriage Ceremony**

The License and Certificate of Marriage must be used only within the State of California, expires 90 days after date of issue, and cannot be used after the "Expiration Date" shown in Item 25B.

1. Complete the marriage license using **DARK INK ONLY**.
2. Have one or two witnesses to the marriage sign Items 26A and 27A and complete Items 26B, 26C, 27B, and 27C.
3. Enter date and place of marriage in Item 28A, 28B, and 28C.
4. Sign your name in Item 29A.
5. If clergy, enter your denomination in Item 29B. If not, enter a single dash.
6. Type or print your name, official title, and mailing address in Items 29C through 29E.

The completed LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE must be returned within **10 days** after the marriage ceremony by the person performing the ceremony to be registered by the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) of the county where the license was issued at the address in box 25G. It can be mailed or delivered in person.

### **PRIVACY NOTIFICATION**

Civil Code Section 1798 et seq. requires each state agency to provide this notice to individuals completing this form. The information is being requested by: State of California, Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, MS 5103, P.O. Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899-7410, Telephone (916) 445-2684.

The information requested on this certificate is authorized and required by Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code, and related provisions within the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, Family Code, and Government Code.

The completion of all items requested on this form is mandatory. Health and Safety Code Section 103775 provides that, "Every person, except a parent informant for a certificate of live birth, who is responsible for supplying information who refuses or fails to furnish correctly any information in his or her possession which is required by this division, or furnishes false information affecting any certificate or record required by this division, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

The principal purpose for this record is:

1. To establish a permanent record that is legally recognized as prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein for each marriage occurring in the State of California.
2. To provide individuals with certified copies from the records to serve their personal needs, such as securing passports and applying for social security or death benefits.
3. To provide information to health authorities and other qualified persons with a valid educational or scientific interest, for demographic and epidemiological studies for health and social purposes.
4. This information is also provided to the National Center for Health Statistics for compiling national statistical reports.

This record shall be open for examination during regularly scheduled office hours, except when access is specifically prohibited by statute or regulations.

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