

**OFFICE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY CLERK
APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSE**

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

When you sign this application, you are stating under penalty of perjury the information you have provided is true and correct, you are currently an **unmarried couple**, and there is no legal objection to the marriage. With a regular public marriage license, you may be married anywhere in California. Check the license for witness and solemnization requirements. 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 by cash, debit, or pre-printed California check payable to the SF County Clerk.

No refunds are given for marriage licenses issued.

OPTIONAL: Groom and Bride check boxes are used to identify the parties to the marriage as Groom, Bride, both, or neither as each party wishes and **cannot** be changed once the marriage license is issued.

NEW NAMES AFTER MARRIAGE: “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. In addition, the new middle and/or last name may not be changed or added on the marriage certificate at a later date. 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. (It is your responsibility to review all the printed information on the marriage license carefully). 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)].

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 contact local, state, federal and private agencies to verify their requirements or consult an attorney prior to applying for your marriage license.

TYPES OF PUBLIC LICENSE AVAILABLE:	PUBLIC: License and Certificate of Marriage (VS 117) — This is the standard marriage license. This type of marriage license requires the signature of at least one witness and one person solemnizing the marriage.
	NON-CLERGY: 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.
	DECLARED: License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage (VS 116) — This type of license is used for the recording of a marriage that was licensed and occurred over one year ago; however, no official record exists.

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

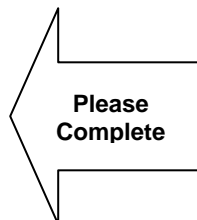
The information requested for the marriage certificate is authorized and required by Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code, and related provisions within the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedures, and Government Code. Civil Code Section 1798.9 et seq. requires each state agency to provide this notice to individuals completing this form.

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 education or scientific interest in 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 reports.

NOTE: California Law prohibits public access to confidential marriage licenses (Family Code Section 511).

CONTACT INFORMATION PLEASE COMPLETE:
Daytime Phone #: () _____
Email: _____
APPLICATION ON REVERSE SIDE



Office Use Only:			Clerk's Initials:
ML Paid	Yes	No	
Ceremony Paid	Yes	No	

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU SIGN THIS APPLICATION:

1. A PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSE CANNOT BE CHANGED TO A CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE LICENSE.
2. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS. PLEASE PRINT. ALL BOXES MUST BE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETED.**
3. **INITIAL THE OPTIONAL FIELDS ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR CHOICE TO CHECK A BOX, BOXES, OR NONE.**
4. **INITIAL THE "I have read...the Name Equality Act of 2007" ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO ELECT A NEW NAME OR RETAIN YOUR FORMER NAME ON THE MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

CHECK/CIRCLE ONE: PUBLIC(VS 117) NON-CLERGY(VS 115) DECLARED(VS 116)

FIRST PERSON DATA						
OPTIONAL:		<input type="checkbox"/> GROOM Initial: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> BRIDE Initial: _____		
REQUIRED	1A. NAME – FIRST			1B. MIDDLE		
	1C. CURRENT LAST			1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)		
	2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	3. STATE OF BIRTH (COUNTRY IF OUTSIDE U.S.)	4. # PREV. MARRIAGES/ SRDP	5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION <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)		
I have read the information pursuant to Family Code Section 306.5, the Name Equality Act of 2007. Initial: _____						
NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE. IF NO CHANGE, ENTER DASH (-) (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)			30B. MIDDLE	30C. LAST		

SECOND PERSON DATA						
OPTIONAL:		<input type="checkbox"/> GROOM Initial: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> BRIDE Initial: _____		
REQUIRED	12A. NAME – FIRST			12B. MIDDLE		
	12C. CURRENT LAST			12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 12C)		
	13. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	14. STATE OF BIRTH (COUNTRY IF OUTSIDE U.S.)	15. # PREV. MARRIAGES/ SRDP	16A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSOLUTION <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)		
I have read the information pursuant to Family Code Section 306.5, the Name Equality Act of 2007. Initial: _____						
NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 12A-12D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE. IF NO CHANGE, ENTER DASH (-) (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)			31B. MIDDLE	31C. LAST		

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	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

25A. ISSUE DATE – MONTH, DAY, YEAR	1 st PERSON ID	F	S	O	25E. LICENSE NUMBER		
	2 nd PERSON ID	F	S	O			
						BY: _____	DEPUTY _____

CITY HALL CEREMONY DATE/TIME: _____