

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC MARRIAGE

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

- When you sign the marriage application form, you are stating under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is true and correct, that you are currently an unmarried couple, and that there is no legal objection to the marriage.
- The marriage license must be used within the State of California. 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 by cash, check or money order made payable to the Ventura County Clerk. Credit Cards are also accepted (additional fees may apply).
- No refunds will be given after a marriage license has been issued.

THE NAME EQUALITY ACT OF 2007

The Name Equality Act of 2007 (Chapter 567, Statutes of 2007 (AB 102) became effective January 1, 2009, and was amended (Chapter 512, Statutes of 2009 (AB 1143) effective January 1, 2010.

Family Code Section 306.5 reads as follows:

(a) Parties to a marriage shall not be required to have the same name. Neither party shall be required to change his or her name. A person's name shall not change upon marriage unless that person elects to change his or her name pursuant to subdivision (b).

(b) (1) One party or both parties to a 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 the new name in the spaces provided on the marriage license application without intent to defraud.

(2) A person may adopt any of the following **last names** pursuant to paragraph (1):

(A) The current last name of the other spouse.

(B) The last name of either spouse given at birth.

(C) 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.

(D) A hyphenated combination of last names.

(3) A person may adopt any of the following **middle names** pursuant to paragraph (1):

(A) The current last name of either spouse.

(B) The last name of either spouse given at birth.

(C) A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse.

(D) A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the last name given at birth of the person or spouse.

(4) (A) An election by a person to change his or her name pursuant to paragraph (1) shall serve as a record of the name change. A certified copy of a 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.

NOTE: Parties to the marriage **may not** change their **first name** on the marriage license.

If one or both parties do not wish to identify a new name on the marriage license, the fields on the marriage license will be completed using two single dashes. These fields **may not** be amended unless it is a **clerical error** and the amendment is signed by the county clerk or his or her deputy **and** one of the parties to the marriage. If prior to marriage the couple want to change or add the new name(s) shown on the marriage license, the couple would then need to **purchase a new marriage license**:

The marriage certificate is used by multiple local, state, federal and private agencies, each of which have different requirements 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**.

County Clerk staff cannot provide you information on how to complete the marriage license application as it relates to the 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 with a private attorney **prior to applying for your marriage license**.

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MUST BE LEGIBLE

<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 ▶		
	25. ISSUE DATE	26. EXPIRES AFTER (MM/DD/CCYY)	27. MARRIAGE LICENSE NUMBER	28. CLERK ISSUING LICENSE		
	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE					
NEW NAMES IF ANY	30.A 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					
NEW NAMES IF ANY	31A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 12A		31B. MIDDLE		31C. LAST	

NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME FIELDS

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Initials: The couple understands the statement above: _____/_____

Date of Marriage _____

Telephone Number _____