

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF 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 are given for marriage licenses purchased in error. No refunds will be given after a marriage license has been issued.
- There are four types of marriage licenses :

1 License and Certificate of Public Marriage (VS 117) — This is the standard type of marriage license. This type of marriage license requires the signature of at least one witness and one person solemnizing the marriage.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Confidential License and Certificate of Marriage (VS 123) — Confidential marriage licenses may only be issued to unmarried parties who are at least 18 years old and have been living together as spouses. 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. The signatures of the parties in fields 23 and 24 affirm that they meet the requirements to receive a confidential marriage license.

- Please complete the appropriate corresponding application attached.

INFORMATION REGARDING 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 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 combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse.
- (D) A 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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APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC MARRIAGE
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| <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) | | |
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| | 23. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D | | | 24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D | | |
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Date of Marriage _____

Telephone Number _____

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**APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE FOR DENOMINATIONS NOT HAVING CLERGY
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride FIRST PERSON DATA | 1A. FIRST NAME | | | | 1B. MIDDLE | | | | | |
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**APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride FIRST PERSON DATA | 1A. FIRST NAME | | | | 1B. MIDDLE | | | | | |
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APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF CONFIDENTIAL MARRIAGE
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