



Marriage License Checklist

Please use the following checklist to ensure both parties have all the necessary items and information to apply for a marriage license. A marriage license must be issued before a marriage ceremony is performed.

What you need to bring?

Photo identification

Any form of identification which shows your current legal name, date of birth, and photo (If you do not have photo ID, please contact our office for options).

Payment

Cash or Check Only (Credit or Debit Cards will not be accepted). The list of filing fees can be found [here](#).

Proof of end of marriage (If married within the past year)

Filed stamped court documents or death certificate which shows proof that the previous marriage has ended.

Yourselves!

Both persons to be married must be present to apply.

What you need to know?

Full name of parents (Including your mother's maiden name)

Where you and your parents' were born

The state, if born in the U.S., or country.

Your new name after marriage (Optional)

Either party may change their middle and/or last name. You are NOT permitted to change your first name on a marriage license. For further information on which name choices are allowed, please see the CDPH "The Name Equality Act of 2007" manual [here](#).

Date your most recent previous marriage ended (If previously married)