

Declaration of Marriage Application Instructions

This application is used to register a marriage which was legally licensed and ceremony performed, in California one year ago or more, but no official record exists. It must be applied for in the county where at least one of the spouse's live.

The license for a Declaration of Marriage must first be issued in person to the couple at the County Clerk's office. After collecting the signatures of two witnesses who were present at the marriage ceremony, it is then recorded within 10 days in person or by mail with the County Recorder's Office. This is a public license.

Instructions to Complete the Declaration of Marriage Application

First and Second Person Data	Groom/Bride boxes: Check the box for how you wish to be identified. If you do not want to check a box, leave it blank.
	Names (1A-1C and 12A-12C): Enter your current legal name (Your name prior to this marriage).
	Last Name at Birth (1D and 12D): If different, enter your last name at birth. If it is not different, enter a single dash (-).
	Date of Birth (2 and 13): Enter your date of birth with the format MM/DD/YYYY.
	State/Country of Birth (3 and 14): Enter where you were born. For a state, use the two letter abbreviation. For a country, you may spell the full name or use the appropriate abbreviation.
	Number of Previous Marriages/SRPD (4 and 15): Enter the number of times you have previously been married. Do not count this marriage. If you have never been married, enter a "0".
	Last Marriage/SRPD Ended By (5A and 16A): Check the box to indicate how your most recent marriage ended. If you have never been married prior to this marriage, check "N/A".
	Date Ended (5B and 16B): Enter the date your most recent marriage ended with the format MM/DD/YYYY. If you have never been married prior to this marriage, enter a single dash (-).
	Address (6-9 and 17-20): Enter your full address. This may be a residence, business, U.S. PO Box, college, armed forces, or temporary residence used while visiting or on vacation. If institutionalized or incarcerated, use the prior residence address.
	Full Birth Name of Parents (10A/11A and 21A/22A): Enter the legal name of your legal father and mother as it appears on your birth, adoption, court-ordered name change, or naturalization record.
State of Birth (10B/11B and 21B/22B): Enter where your legal father and mother were born. For a state, use the two letter abbreviation. For a country, you may spell the full name or use the appropriate abbreviation.	
Affidavit (23-24): You must sign declaring the statement provided.	
Certification	Date of Marriage (26A): Enter the original date the marriage ceremony with the format MM/DD/YYYY.
	City/Town and County of Marriage (26B – C): Enter the city or town, and county where the marriage ceremony was held. If at a remote place, enter the name of the city that would provide postal service if there was a home or business located there.
New Name	New Name (31A-31C and 32A-32C): Enter the first, middle, and last name you have chosen to be known by after this marriage. It is an option to change your middle and/or last name, but are not allowed to change your first name. If you do not currently have a middle name, and choose not to have one after marriage, enter two dashes (--) in the field.
	For more information on legally allowed name changes, see "Marriage Information" on our webpage.
#	Phone: Enter phone numbers which we can use to contact you with any questions regarding your application.

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Important Things to Remember

- Use English language alphabetical characters only.
- Cash or Check Only (Credit or Debit Cards will not be accepted). The list of filing fees can be found [here](#).
- No refunds are given for Declaration of Marriages purchased in error.

Applicants Information

<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. # Previous Marriages / SRDP	5A. Last Marriage / SRDP Ended By:		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. # Previous Marriages / SRDP	16A. Last Marriage / SRDP Ended By:		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 the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. We further declare that we are presently married to each other, that a California marriage license was Obtained prior to the ceremony, and that the ceremony occurred in California. We acknowledge receipt of the information required by Family Code Section 358 and hereby apply for a license and certificate of declaration of marriage.					
	23. Signature Of Person Listed In Fields 1A-1D ▶			24. Signature Of Person Listed In Fields 12A-12D ▶		
Certification of Marriage	We, the above-named parties, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California, that we were joined in marriage in accordance with the laws of the state of California as indicated below.					
	26A. Date of Marriage (MM/DD/YYYY)		26B. City/Town of Marriage		26C. County of Marriage	
27. Signature Of Person Listed In Fields 1A-1D ▶			28. Signature Of Person Listed In Fields 12A-12D ▶			
New Name (If Any)	New middle and last name of person listed in 1A-1D (if any) for use upon solemnization of the marriage					
	29A. First – Must Be Same As 1A		29B. Middle		29C. Last	
	New middle and last name of person listed in 12A-12D (if any) for use upon solemnization of the marriage					
	30A. First – Must Be Same As 12A		30B Middle		30C Last	
Phone	First Person's Number			Second Person's Number		