



TOWN OF DOVER
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Marriages Licenses Information

Description:

It is the applicant's responsibility to hire an officiant for the marriage ceremony, whether religious or civil. For this reason, make sure you have a confirmed officiant and marriage date BEFORE requesting an appointment for your marriage license.

To apply in the Town of Dover:

Marriage license applications are by appointments. To avoid last-minute conflicts, call the Dover Health Department Office ahead of time at 973-366-2200 ext. 1120 and 1116 (**at least 2 weeks before you get married to schedule your appointment**). When your appointment is confirmed, we will give you instructions on how to fill out the application. You can find the application on our website www.dover.nj.us / Popular Links / Forms & Applications / Department of Health / Vital Statistics / Marriage License Application].

- Applicants **must** apply for a license in the municipality where they reside (where property taxes are paid).
 - ❖ One of the applicants must be a resident of Dover.
 - ❖ If both applicants reside outside the state of New Jersey, then they must apply for a license in the municipality where the ceremony will be held.

ON THE DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT, YOU NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- **A valid ID for each applicant:**
 - ❖ Driver's License
 - ❖ Passport
 - ❖ Motor and Vehicle ID, Identification issued by the state, county, or federal government.
- **Proof of residency:**
 - ❖ Utility account – water, electricity, telephone, cellular, etc. not to exceed 90 days of issue
 - ❖ Bank statement, credit card statement, not to exceed 90 days of issue
 - ❖ Notarized letter from the owner of the property in which the applicant(s) reside
 - ❖ Rental agreement

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- **One witness;** not less than 18 years of age.
- **\$28 cash exact change or money order payable to the Town of Dover.**
- **Social Security number for both applicants.** If any of the applicants do not have Social Security, a U.S. Non-Resident notation will be written on the marriage application and license.

Additional information:

The marriage license is valid in New Jersey **ONLY**.

The marriage license can **ONLY** be issued after the 72-hour waiting period has been fulfilled (by law).

The marriage license expires 30 days after the date of issuance.