

California Marriage Licenses

Requirements

- The couple must appear together in person
- Valid photo ID is required
- The license is valid immediately and for 90 days of issuance
- Applicants do not have to be residents of the state of California
- For a partner divorced within 90 days, verification papers are required

Public License

- The license is a public record
- The ceremony can take place anywhere within the state of California

Confidential License

- The license is private information available only to the couple
- The ceremony must take place in the county of issuance
- The couple must be living together
- No witnesses are required

Where to Go

Laws and specific county requirements vary and change. Please visit the county website in which you plan to obtain your license for the most accurate information.

Ventura County: <http://recorder.countyofventura.org/marriage.htm>

The Ventura County Recorder does not confirm receipt of the license or issue a certificate, so if you want a copy of your marriage certificate, you need to contact them a few weeks after the wedding and request one (and pay \$14 for it). You can check with them by phone at (805) 654-2295.

Santa Barbara County: <http://www.sbcvote.com/ClerkRecorder/MarriageLicenses.aspx>

Los Angeles County: <http://www.lavote.net/clerk/marriages.cfm>

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
The Official Public Records Administration for the State of California

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE STATEMENT - BIRTH & DEATH

Name of Certificate: _____ Residence: _____

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If you are requesting more than 3 certificates please indicate the total number of certificates requested: _____

I, _____, being under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I am an authorized person, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 101000, and am eligible to receive a certified copy of the birth or death record for the individual(s) listed above.

Submitted to the _____ Day of _____, 20____ at _____

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA _____
County of _____
On _____ before me _____ personally appeared _____ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that he/she has the authority to execute the instrument, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.
(NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Signature _____ File # _____