

Marriage License Application

Each party to the marriage must fill out this application

License Type Applying for:

- Public License - \$75 (Record will become public record once recorded)
- Confidential License - \$90 (Record will be closed and not opened to public once recorded - must be living together)

Check one box below:

- First Person Data (Name will appear first on the license)
- Second Person Data (Name will appear second)

Optional: Groom Bride

First Name		Middle Name	
Current Last Name		Last Name at Birth (if different than box 3)	
Date of Birth	State/Country of Birth	# of Previous Marriages or State Registered Domestic Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>
Last Marriage/State Registered Domestic Partnership ended by: (check one)		Date ended: (mm/dd/yyyy)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution (Divorce) <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated SRDP			
Address	City	State/Country	Zip Code
Full Birth Name of Father/Parent		State of Birth (if outside of U.S. enter Country)	
Full Birth Name of Mother/Parent		State of Birth (if outside of U.S. enter Country)	

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

See Information on Reverse Outlining Options for Changing your Name.

First Name – Same as above	New Middle Name	New Last Name
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- With a Public Marriage License (Family Code §359) you may be married anywhere in the State of California in the presence of at least one witness, and your marriage must be solemnized by a person authorized to perform marriages in California as provided for in Family Code §400-401.
- With a Confidential Marriage License (Family Code §500) you must be married in the county in which it is issued.
- Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. You must have a wedding ceremony within that 90 days to be legally married. Licenses not used within this timeframe are void.
- No refunds are given for marriage licenses purchased in error.

We the undersigned declare under penalty of perjury that all the information above is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We also declare that we have read and understood the information on the reverse side of this form.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

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 provides that at the time of application for a marriage license, one or both parties to the 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 that information on the marriage license application.

A person may adopt any of the following *middle names*:

1. The current last name of either spouse
2. The last name of either spouse given at birth
3. A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse
4. A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the last name given at birth of the person or spouse

Parties wishing to adopt a new middle name must do so using the entire name or a hyphenated combination of names as listed above. Segments of a name are not acceptable in the middle name fields.

The law does not allow someone to drop their existing middle name by using the marriage certificate. They must keep their existing middle name or change it. In other words, if there is any middle name in 1B or 12B, there **MUST BE** an entry in 30B or 31B, either the existing middle name or a new middle name.

The new middle name field should not contain dashes (-) if a party has elected to change their name unless that party does not have a current middle name shown in field 1B or 12B, and they are not adopting a new middle name.

A person may adopt any of the following *last names*:

1. The current last name of the other spouse
2. The last name of either spouse given at birth
3. 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
4. A hyphenated combination of last names

*A segment is a contiguous portion of the name; it is an identifiable match of a portion of the current last name or the last name given at birth of either spouse (Fields 1C, 1D, 12C, 12D). The segment may not omit or add new letters and the letters may not be changed around to create an entirely different segment that does not match a portion of the current last name or the last name given at birth of either spouse.

Hyphenated middle and/or last names *may or may not* include an actual hyphen (-) between the names. This should be decided by the party wishing to hyphenate their name.

When a party to a marriage adopts a new middle and/or last name, ***all*** name fields in the area entitled "New Names" for that party must be completed.

When a party does not elect to change their name, each of the new name fields for that party must be completed with two dashes (--).

If a license has been issued incorrectly due to a clerical error, an amendment may be prepared in order to correct the error. The amendment must be signed by one of the parties to the marriage and the County Clerk or his or her deputy, and the reason for the amendment must be listed as "correcting a clerical error."

NOTE: A "clerical error" is when the information shown on the marriage license differs from that shown on the ***application*** for a marriage license.

After a marriage certificate is registered by the local registrar, the certificate may not be amended to add the new name or change the name adopted.