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Applying for a Marriage License in California

Marriage License Laws
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If you've just set a date for your wedding, this can be an exciting time for the two of you! Don't let the marriage license laws of California put a dent in your wedding plans. Here's what you need to know and what documents to bring with you before you apply for a California marriage license. We recommend getting this legal aspect of your wedding out of the way about a month before your wedding date.

Congratulations and much happiness as you begin your lifetime journey together!

Call for Appointment:

It is recommended that you call the California County or City Clerk’s office to see if they suggest setting an appointment. You could find yourselves in a long line with as much as a 2 hour wait without an appointment in some California locales.

Identifying California Residency Requirements:

California requires a picture id such as Drivers License or other valid identification. Some counties recommend bringing certified copies of your birth certificates. You need to know your parents names, mothers’ maiden name and places of their birth.

You do not have to be a resident of California to apply for a marriage license there.

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You must show proof of divorce, death or annulment. You need to bring a copy of

Confidential License in California:
If you have lived together as husband and wife, you can apply for a confidential license. This means there is no public record of your marriage.

Previous Marriages:

http://marriage.about.com/cs/marriagelicensesp/california.htm

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your final divorce decree if you have divorced within the 90 days through past year (varies by county.)

**California Waiting Period:**

There is not a waiting period in California.

**Fees:**

$45.00+. Varies from county to county and some California counties will only accept cash... so don't leave home without some cash!

**Other Tests:**

California doesn't require blood tests.

**Under 18:**

If either the bride or groom is under 18, at least one of the minor's parents, or legal guardian, must couple. Certified copies of birth certificates are required. The couple must also schedule an appointment with a counselor and then appear before a California superior court judge.

**Proxy Marriages:**

Yes, but only for members of the armed forces who are stationed far away in wars or conflicts. Give their power of attorney for someone to stand in for them during their wedding ceremony. More information on California proxy marriages.

**Cousin Marriages:**

Yes.

**Common Law Marriages:**

No. However, Domestic Partnership Certificates are available in San Francisco and Marin Court must live or work in that county and both must have photo ID.

**Officiants:**

Clergy, Justices, Judges, Magistrates, Marriage Commissioners (current or retired).

**Miscellaneous:**

License is valid for 90 days.

**Copy of Certificate of Marriage:**

You have to contact the County Recorder's Office in the county in which the marriage occurred copy of a marriage license.

**Suggested Reading**

- More on California Marriages
- License Info
- California for Romantics

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