

Connecticut Marriage Officiant Guide

Marriage Officiants: All ordained or licensed clergy belonging to this state or any other state may perform marriage ceremonies anywhere in Connecticut as long as they continue in the work of the ministry. No state or local registration is required. The marriage license must be completed by the minister and returned to the issuing city or town clerk.

Official Capacity and Type of Ceremony: The clergyperson should enter “Minister” or “Officiant” under “Official Capacity” on the marriage license certificate, and “Religious” or “Civil” under “Type of Ceremony.”

Once the marriage ceremony takes place, the Marriage Officiant must submit the completed license to the registrar of vital records of the town where the marriage took place. The registrar will then certify the license and place it on file as a permanent record. Once registered, the marriage license becomes a vital record and is referred to as a marriage certificate.



Connecticut Statute Chapter 815e Sec. 46b-22. (Formerly Sec. 46-3). Who may join persons in marriage. Penalty for unauthorized performance. (a) All judges and retired judges, either elected or appointed, family support magistrates, state referees and justices of the peace may join persons in marriage in any town in the state and all ordained or licensed clergymen, belonging to this state or any other state, so long as they continue in the work of the ministry may join persons in marriage. All marriages solemnized according to the forms and usages of any religious denomination in this state, including marriages witnessed by a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are valid. All marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person are void.

(b) No public official legally authorized to issue marriage licenses may join persons in marriage under authority of a license issued by himself, or his assistant or deputy; nor may any such assistant or deputy join persons in marriage under authority of a license issued by such public official.

(c) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.

MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

Much of the information below is state law in Connecticut; however, this information can vary by location, and is subject to change. We recommend contacting your town or city clerk's office before applying for your marriage license.

ID Requirement: Government issued ID such as driver's license, visa, passport, state or military ID. Bring your social security cards. **You must also provide the name and address of the person serving as your Wedding Officiant.**

Residency Requirement: You do not have to be a resident of Connecticut.

Connecticut Residents: Connecticut residents marrying elsewhere should note that not all states have the same premarital requirements. If you plan on marrying in another state, you must meet their requirements and obtain your marriage license in that state.

Non-Residents Marrying in Connecticut: The laboratory tests must be performed by a laboratory approved for premarital testing by the state in which it is located. This rule also applies to military bases. If the state does not have premarital blood test law, testing must be performed by the State Health Department Laboratory of the state in which the applicant resides. Blood tests performed in foreign countries other than Canada are not valid.

Blood Tests and Premarital Certificate: It is no longer required for the parties to the marriage to have a blood test to obtain a marriage license in Connecticut.

Waiting Period: No waiting period.

License Fee: \$30 (cash, check or credit card).

Under Age 18: Applicants 18 years of age or over do not require parental consent to marry in Connecticut. If applicant is under the age of 18 written consent of the parent or guardian is required and under the age of 16 the Judge of probate must endorse with written consent on the license.

Miscellaneous: If you plan to use your married name, be sure to have your name changed in your Social Security record. It's easy and it's absolutely free — and you'll get credit for all of your earnings. Contact Social Security Online (www.ssa.gov) to locate your local office. You will need documentary evidence showing both your old name and your new name.

Additional Information: The premarital laws in some states are changing rapidly. If you have questions that cannot be answered by the town clerk of the town in which you plan to marry, contact the Public Health Laboratory at (860) 509-8505 for current information and requirements in Connecticut.

Same-Gender Marriage: Permitted in Connecticut since November 12, 2008.

Valid: A Connecticut marriage license is valid for 65 days (meaning that the ceremony must be performed within 65 days after the license is issued), after which it expires and the applicants must re-apply for a new license. The marriage license can only be used within the State of Connecticut.

***For additional information, please visit
FirstNationMinistry.org/us/connecticut***

The above information is believed to be current and correct, but does not purport to be legal advice, is not all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. Under the terms specified in your ordination, you are solely responsible for becoming familiar with and complying to all current laws and regulations in effect within the jurisdiction in which you will conduct ceremonies.

State of Connecticut

Department of Public Health

MARRIAGE LICENSE WORKSHEET

SAMPLE

BRIDE / GROOM / SPOUSE

ACTUAL FORM MAY VARY

BRIDE / GROOM / SPOUSE

NAME (First) (Middle) (Last)				NAME (First) (Middle) (Last)			
SEX	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Year)		AGE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Year)		AGE
BIRTHPLACE		EDUCATION (No. Yrs. Completed)		BIRTHPLACE		EDUCATION (No. Yrs. Completed)	
		GRADES 1-8	GRADES 9-12			COLLEGE (1-5+)	GRADES 1-8
RESIDENCE (No. and Street)				RESIDENCE (No. and Street)			
CITY OR TOWN		COUNTY	STATE	CITY OR TOWN		COUNTY	STATE
RACE		SUPERVISION OR CONTROL BY GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR ☐ YES ☐ NO		RACE		SUPERVISION OR CONTROL BY GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR ☐ YES ☐ NO	
FATHER'S FULL NAME				FATHER'S FULL NAME			
FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)		MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)		FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)		MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country)	
MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME				MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME			
NO. OF THIS MARRIAGE	NO. OF CIVIL UNIONS	IF PREVIOUSLY IN MARRIAGE OR CIVIL UNION, LAST RELATIONSHIP WAS 1. ☐ MARRIAGE 2. ☐ CIVIL UNION		NO. OF THIS MARRIAGE	NO. OF CIVIL UNIONS	IF PREVIOUSLY IN MARRIAGE OR CIVIL UNION, LAST RELATIONSHIP WAS 1. ☐ MARRIAGE 2. ☐ CIVIL UNION	
LAST RELATIONSHIP ENDED BY: 1. ☐ DEATH 2. ☐ DISSOLUTION 3. ☐ ANNULMENT 4. ☐ PREVIOUS CIVIL UNION DID NOT END. MARRYING CIVIL UNION PARTNER				LAST RELATIONSHIP ENDED BY: 1. ☐ DEATH 2. ☐ DISSOLUTION 3. ☐ ANNULMENT 4. ☐ PREVIOUS CIVIL UNION DID NOT END. MARRYING CIVIL UNION PARTNER			
SOCIAL SECURITY # OF BRIDE / GROOM / SPOUSE				SOCIAL SECURITY # OF BRIDE / GROOM / SPOUSE			
PHONE # OF BRIDE / GROOM / SPOUSE			TOWN WHERE MARRIAGE CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED				
OFFICIATOR'S NAME		OFFICIATOR'S ADDRESS			OFFICIATOR'S PHONE #		

NOTICE: AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2009, YOU CAN ONLY APPLY IN THE TOWN WHERE THE CEREMONY IS TAKING PLACE. THE LICENSE WILL ONLY BE VALID FOR 65 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF APPLICATION.

For Office Use Only

Date Applied: _____

Date Received for Record: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Date License Issued: _____

Amount Paid: _____