

Passaic County Marriage License Requirements

To get married in New Jersey, couples must apply for and obtain a marriage license. Marriage licenses are handled by the Registrar of Vital Statistics. This page outlines everything you will need to know about applying for a marriage license. The license fee is \$28.

Be sure to contact the Passaic City Registrar well in advance of the wedding to find out on what days and during what hours the Registrar will be in the office. Some locales will require an appointment.

Marriage Application Requirements in New Jersey:

Couples wishing to establish a Marriage in the State of New Jersey, it shall be necessary that they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Not be a party to another civil union, domestic partnership or marriage in this State or recognized by this State.
- Be at least 18 years of age. In 2018, the New Jersey child marriage ban bill was signed into law and went into effect immediately to implement a clear minimum age of 18 with no exceptions.

Please contact the [Passaic City Registrar](#) to determine if license applications are handled during business hours or by appointment.

Application Requirements in New Jersey:

- The marriage license application is to be made in the New Jersey municipality in which either party resides and the license is valid throughout the State of New Jersey.
- If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, then submit the application in the municipality where the marriage ceremony will be performed. The license is only valid in the issuing municipality.

Marriage ID Requirements in New Jersey:

- Proof of identity by presenting your driver's license, passport, or state/federal I.D.
- Proof of your residency.
- Your social security card or social security number.*
- A witness, 18 years of age or older.
- The marriage license application fee is \$28.

*Social security number is required by law for US citizens and will be kept confidential.

Any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

Marriage Waiting Period Requirements in New Jersey:

New Jersey has a three (3) day waiting period. For weekend weddings, you will need to apply the Tuesday before to satisfy the three days (72 hours) by Friday.

- The waiting period begins when the application is filed with the Local Registrar.
- There is no 72-hour waiting period for a remarriage; however, you must bring a certified copy of your existing marriage.
- The marriage license application is valid for six months from the date accepted, unless the Registrar has given prior approval to extend the validity of the application to a maximum of one year.
- Only one marriage license may be granted from a marriage application. If the license expires before being used, a new application must be made and another \$28 fee remitted.
- The only exception to this requirement is in the case where a civil and religious ceremony are to be performed on the same day. In this case, the Local Registrar will photocopy the marriage application, marking one “A” and one “B”, and issue the corresponding marriage licenses, marking them “A” and “B” as well. One copy will be used for the religious ceremony and the other for the civil ceremony.

Expiration Date of Marriage License New Jersey:

The New Jersey Marriage license is valid for thirty (30) days from date of issuance.

Please Note: State and county marriage license requirements often change. The above information is for guidance only and should not be regarded as legal advice. Additional information can be found on the [New Jersey Department of Health](#) website.