



Township of Old Bridge
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Marriage Application Instructions

Appointments are required for Marriage Applications.

Please contact the Old Bridge Registrar at registrar@oldbridge.com to schedule an appointment.

Where should I apply for a marriage?

- Apply in the Municipality in which you reside.
 - If the couple lives in separate towns in New Jersey, they may choose which of their resident towns they want to apply in.
 - If you are unsure, confirm which municipality you pay property taxes to.
- If both partners reside outside of the State of New Jersey:
 - You must apply for a license in the municipality in which you are getting married
 - BE CAREFUL when looking at the venue mailing address. Zip codes and mailing addresses do not ALWAYS dictate the municipality the venue is located in.

When can I apply for a Marriage Application?

- Appointments are encouraged to be made 4 weeks in advance of the ceremony.
- You must apply for a marriage license **at least 72 hours (three full days)** prior to the marriage. Please be mindful that registrars do not have appointments every day of the week.
 - If your wedding is on a weekend, take into consideration that if the 72 hours falls on a weekend or holiday, a registrar will not be available to issue.
 - If you fail to schedule an appointment with enough time, the couple will need to appear before a judge in Superior Court to request a 72-Hour-Waiver.
- You can apply up to a year prior to your wedding.

What will I need to apply?

- **Appointments are required!** If you do not make an appointment, we cannot guarantee a registrar will be available to assist you. *
- The couple will need to apply in person with a registrar *
- A witness, 18 years of older with photo ID, will need to be present to attest to the application *
- As of July 1, 2022 no payment is required*
- Identification
 - Photo ID *
 - Proof of residency *
 - Social Security Card or Number *
 - Copy of Birth Certificate with Parent's names listed
 - If married, in a civil union or domestic partnership previously
 - Death certificate of deceased spouse
 - Divorce decree with official filing date
 - Dissolution of civil union
 - Dissolution of domestic partnership

Who Can perform a Marriage or Civil Union Ceremony?

- Judge of federal, municipal, superior, tax, county (Retired or Active)
- Mayor or Deputy Mayor
- Surrogates of any county
- Ministers of every religion

Registrars do not coordinate the officiant or venue.

Couples must have these arrangements made prior to their application.

What happens after the ceremony?

- The certificate will be filed in the **town where the marriage ceremony took place.**
- A couple will need to apply to receive their certified copies of the official marriage license with the registrar in the town they were married.
- Each town charges a different amount for the license. Please contact the local registrar for more information on certified copies.