

# APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSE

<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride <b>FIRST PERSON DATA</b>	1A. FIRST NAME				1B. MIDDLE		
	1C. CURRENT LAST				1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)		
	2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)		3. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	4. #PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP	5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		5B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)
	6. ADDRESS			7. CITY		8. STATE/COUNTRY	9. ZIP CODE
	10A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT				10B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
	11A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT				11B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride <b>SECOND PERSON DATA</b>	12A. FIRST NAME				12B. MIDDLE		
	12C. CURRENT LAST				12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 12C)		
	13. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)		14. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	15. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP	16A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		16B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)
	17. ADDRESS			18. CITY		19. STATE/COUNTRY	20. ZIP CODE
	21A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT				21B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
	22A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT				22B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)		
<b>AFFIDAVIT</b>	WE, THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT WE ARE UNMARRIED AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE MARRIAGE NOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IS KNOWN TO US. WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.						
	23. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D			24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D			
	THIS FIELD RESERVED FOR USE BY COUNTY CLERK STAFF: ISSUE DATE (MM/DD/CCYY) _____ MARRIAGE LICENSE NUMBER _____ BY ►						
<b>SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR NEW NAMES (IF ANY)</b>	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)						
	30A. FIRST - MUST BE SAME AS 1A		30B. MIDDLE		30C. LAST		
	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 12A-12D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)						
31A. FIRST - MUST BE SAME AS 12A		31B. MIDDLE		31C. LAST			

**Date of Marriage** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Person:** What name appears on your birth certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Person:** What name appears on your birth certificate? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use another name, or are known by another name, or have you changed your name?

**First Person:** NO \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ If yes, check what method

- Adoption Decree   
  Change of name decree in Superior Court   
  U.S. Naturalized Citizen  
 Use another name (such as stepfather's name, religious name, etc)

Changed name, or name now using \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Person:** NO \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ If yes, check what method

- Adoption Decree   
  Change of name decree in Superior Court   
  U.S. Naturalized Citizen  
 Use another name (such as stepfather's name, religious name, etc)

Changed name, or name now using \_\_\_\_\_

To ensure that the correct marriage license is issued to you, please provide the information requested below:

The person performing this marriage ceremony is (check one):

- Clergy person (minister, priest, rabbi, etc.)  
 Judge  
 Commissioner or Deputy commissioner of civil marriages  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ With this application, you are applying for a public marriage license issued pursuant to Family Code Section 359.
- ◆ When you sign this application, you are stating under penalty of perjury that you are unmarried, the information you have provided is true and correct and that there is no legal objection to the marriage.
- ◆ **You have reviewed the information on the reverse side of this application pertaining to the New Names (If Any) fields, and understand the information in the new name fields 30A thru 31C cannot be changed or amended after the license is issued by this office.**
- ◆ You may be married anywhere in 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 Sections 400-401.
- ◆ Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. You must be married on or after the issuance date, and on or before the expiration date of the license. Licenses not used within this timeframe are void.
- ◆ No refunds are given for marriage licenses purchased in error.
- ◆ The cost of this application for a public marriage license is : \$97.00 payable to Ventura County Clerk & Recorder by cash or check.

### **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 the 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**:

- ◇ The current last name of either spouse
- ◇ The last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◇ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the current last name of the person or spouse.
- ◇ A hyphenated combination of the current middle name and the last name given at birth of the person or spouse

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

- ◇ The current last name of the other spouse
- ◇ The last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◇ 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
- ◇ 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.

**NOTE:** You may *not* change your **first name** using this process. **IMPORTANT:** You *may not* amend the marriage license **after it has been issued to add or change the name you wish to be known as after you are married. The name you indicate on the marriage license application will be your name on the marriage license/certificate and cannot be changed by the County Clerk.**

**You are not required to change your name, nor are parties required to have the same name.**

**If one or both parties do not wish to identify a new name on the marriage license, fields 30A thru 31C, as applicable, on the marriage license will be completed with two single dashes. You may not change the information on the marriage license after it has been issued by the County Clerk.**

The marriage certificate is used by multiple local, state, federal and private agencies, each of which have different rules and/or regulations regarding what documents are acceptable to change your name on their records following marriage. It is recommended that you contact these agencies to verify their requirements **prior to applying for your marriage license.**

It is unlawful for our employees to answer questions of a legal nature. County Clerk staff cannot advise you how to complete the marriage license application as it relates to your entry of a new name or retention of your former name on the marriage license application. For your protection, if you have **any** questions regarding whether you should or should not list your new name on the marriage license application, and/or how the Name Equality Act of 2007 may affect you, please consult an attorney **prior to applying for your marriage license.**