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## Pre- Marital Requirements

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APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE AND CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 860-923-9900.

## Marriage License

A Marriage License must be issued in the Town Clerk's Office in the CT. Town where the wedding will occur. When visiting the Town Clerk's Office to obtain your marriage license, please bring suitable identification such as a driver's license or passport. In addition, the State of Connecticut requires that you provide your social security number.

- Both parties must appear in the same Clerk's office in person, must swear to the information provided on the application and both must sign the application. You may appear at separate times in the Clerk's office to complete the application; however the license will not be issued until both parties have presented themselves and provided all of the necessary information and signatures.
- No Marriage licenses issued to applicants under the age of 16 (effective October 1, 2017.)
- Applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age must have approval of the Probate Court where the minor resides in order to be issued a marriage license (effective October 1, 2017.)
- There is no waiting period; the license is issued immediately if all requirements are met.
- A BLOOD TEST IS NO LONGER REQUIRED IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
- Marriage License is valid for 65 days after issuance; if not used within that time it will become null and void.
- Marriage License fee: \$ 50.00 Certified Copies of Certificate: \$20.00
- Town Clerk hours are currently 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Thursday and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Fridays. **APPOINTMENTS ARE MANDATORY AND CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 860-923-9900.**

## **Notes to the Officiant:**

- Complete all boxes under the Officiator section of the license (#54-62)
- Return license to the Town Clerk's office no later than the first week of the month following the marriage
- Return in a flat envelope (one is provided when we issue the license)

## Sec. 46-b24. License. Period of validity. Penalty for solemnization without license. Validity of marriage ceremony.

- (a) No persons may be joined in marriage in this state until both have complied with the provisions of sections 46b-24, 46b-25 and 46b-29 to 46-b33 inclusive and have been issued a license by the registrar for the town in which the marriage is celebrated, which license shall bear the certification of the registrar that the persons therein have complied with the provisions of said sections.
- (b) Such license, when certified by the registrar, is sufficient authority for any person authorized to perform a marriage ceremony in this state to join such persons in marriage, provided the ceremony is performed within a period of not more than sixty-five days after the date of application.
- (c) Anyone who joins any persons in marriage without having received such license from them shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in order to be valid in this state, a marriage ceremony shall be conducted by and in the physical presence of a person who is authorized to solemnize marriages.

**Sec. 46-b24a. Validation of marriages occurring in town other than town where license issued.** All marriages celebrated before June 6, 2014, otherwise valid except that the license for any such marriage was issued in a town other than the town in this state in which such marriage was celebrated, or where either party to the marriage resided at the time of the marriage license application, are validated.

**Sec. 46-b25. Application for license.** No license may be issued by the registrar until both persons have appeared before the registrar and made application for a license. The registrar shall issue a license to any two persons eligible to marry under this chapter. The license shall be completed in its entirety, dated, signed and sworn to by each applicant and shall state each applicant's name, age, race, birthplace, residence, whether single, widowed or divorced and whether under the supervision or control of a conservator or guardian. The Social Security numbers of both persons shall be recorded in the "administrative purposes" section of the license. If the license is signed and sworn to by the applicants on different dates, the later date shall be deemed the date of application.

**Sec. 46-b29.** *Marriage of persons under conservatorship.* (a) No marriage license may be issued to any applicant under the supervision or control of a conservator, appointed in accordance with sections 45a -644 to 45a-662, inclusive, unless the written consent of the conservator, signed and acknowledged before a person authorized to take acknowledgements of conveyances under the provisions of section 47-5a, or authorized to take acknowledgements in any other state or country, is filed with the registrar.

(b) Any person married without the consent provided for in subsection (a) of this section shall acquire no rights by such marriage in the property of any person who was under such control or supervision at the time of the marriage.