

# LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

MUST BE LEGIBLE - MAKE NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS, OR OTHER ALTERATIONS

USE DARK INK ONLY

STATE FILE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> Bride FIRST PERSON DATA	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:			5B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A					
	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 SECOND PERSON DATA	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:			16B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A					
	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)		
AFFIDAVIT	WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT WE ARE PRESENTLY MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, THAT A CALIFORNIA MARRIAGE LICENSE WAS OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY, AND THAT THE CEREMONY OCCURRED IN CALIFORNIA. WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE.					
	23. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D			24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D		
LICENSE TO MARRY	I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES HAVE PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME AND PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO BE THE PERSONS CLAIMED, HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, AND HAVE PAID THE FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW. THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVING BEEN MET, I HEREBY ISSUE THE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE.					
	25A. ISSUE DATE (MM/DD/CCYY)		25B. EXPIRES AFTER (MM/DD/CCYY)		25C. NAME OF COUNTY CLERK	
	25E. MARRIAGE LICENSE NUMBER		25F. COUNTY OF ISSUE		25D. SIGNATURE OF CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK	
BY ►						
25G. RETURN COMPLETED MARRIAGE LICENSE TO (INCLUDE ADDRESS):						
CERTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE	WE, THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT WE WERE JOINED IN MARRIAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS INDICATED BELOW.					
	26A. DATE OF MARRIAGE (MM/DD/CCYY)		26B. CITY/TOWN OF MARRIAGE		26C. COUNTY OF MARRIAGE	
	27. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D			28. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D		
WITNESSES TO THE MARRIAGE (TWO REQUIRED)	WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT WE WERE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES, THAT WE WITNESSED THE ABOVE-NAMED PERSONS COMPLETE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, THAT THE CEREMONY OCCURRED IN CALIFORNIA, AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.					
	29A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS			29B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)		
	29C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE					
	30A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS			30B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)		
30C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE						
NEW NAMES (IF ANY)	NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)					
	31A. FIRST - MUST BE SAME AS 1A		31B. MIDDLE		31C. 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)					
32A. FIRST - MUST BE SAME AS 12A		32B. MIDDLE		32C. LAST		
LOCAL REGISTRAR	33A. NAME OF LOCAL REGISTRAR			33B. SIGNATURE OF CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK		
				BY ►		
				33C. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION		

## INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Refunds **CANNOT** be given after a marriage license is issued.

You will not be notified that your license has been registered. You do not automatically receive a certified copy. You must request and pay for a certified copy from the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) in the county where the license was issued.

**SRDP = State Registered Domestic Partnership as registered with the Secretary of State.** Pursuant to Family Code, Section 298.5(c), no person who has filed a Declaration of Domestic Partnership may enter a marriage with someone other than their registered domestic partner unless the most recent domestic partnership has been terminated or a final judgment of dissolution or nullity has been entered, or the domestic partnership terminated due to death of one of the domestic partners.

**“New Name(s)”—Law applying to middle and last names (items 31B, 31C, 32B, and 32C) OPTIONAL:** Pursuant to Family Code Section 306.5, at the time of 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. Parties 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. Parties 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 last name of either spouse given at birth; a hyphenated combination of last names. **NOTE:** The first name of the parties may not be changed on the marriage license. An amendment to the new name fields may only be issued to correct clerical errors, and that amendment must be signed by one of the parties to the marriage and the county clerk or his or her deputy.

### PURCHASE OF A LICENSE

All persons must purchase a License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage from the County Clerk in the parties' county of residence in order to *declare* a California marriage which has been solemnized, but for which no official record exists (Family Code Section 425).

#### To Persons Declaring Their Marriage

The License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage expires 90 days after date of issue in Item 25A and cannot be used after the “Expiration Date” shown in Item 25B. A declared marriage is a public record. If you are declaring a marriage that originally used a Confidential Marriage License, using this License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage would then make it a public record.

1. Complete the marriage license using **DARK INK ONLY**.
2. Enter date and place of marriage in Items 26A, 26B, and 26C.
3. Sign your names in Items 27 and 28.
4. Have two witnesses to the marriage sign Items 29A and 30A and complete Items 29B, 29C, 30B and 30C.

The completed LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE must be returned within **10 days** of completion by either of the parties declaring the marriage to be registered by the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) of the county where the license was issued at the address in box 25G. It can be mailed or delivered in person.

### PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

Civil Code Section 1798 et seq. requires each state agency to provide this notice to individuals completing this form. The information is being requested by: State of California, Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, MS 5103, P.O. Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899-7410, Telephone (916) 445-2684.

The information requested on this certificate is authorized and required by Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code, and related provisions within the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, Family Code, and Government Code.

The completion of all items requested on this form is mandatory. Health and Safety Code Section 103775 provides that, “Every person, except a parent informant for a certificate of live birth, who is responsible for supplying information who refuses or fails to furnish correctly any information in his or her possession which is required by this division, or furnishes false information affecting any certificate or record required by this division, is guilty of a misdemeanor.”

The principal purpose for this record is:

1. To establish a permanent record that is legally recognized as prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein for each marriage occurring in the State of California.
2. To provide individuals with certified copies from the records to serve their personal needs, such as securing passports and applying for social security or death benefits.
3. To provide information to health authorities and other qualified persons with a valid educational or scientific interest, for demographic and epidemiological studies for health and social purposes.
4. This information is also provided to the National Center for Health Statistics for compiling national statistical reports.

This record shall be open for examination during regularly scheduled office hours, except when access is specifically prohibited by statute or regulations.

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