

DOVER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Applying for a Marriage License

Marriage License applications are taken Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

Marriage License Fee: \$28.00

- The bride and groom must be at least 18 years of age.
- The bride and groom must show a valid government issued ID such as a driver's license or passport.
- If the couple resides in New Jersey, marriage license applications are filed ***in the municipality where the bride resides.***

If the bride resides outside of New Jersey, then the groom must be a Dover resident.

If both parties reside outside of New Jersey, the couple must then apply for their marriage license in the municipality where the couple is to be married.

- The bride must show proof of address such as a bill with name & address or a notarized letter from the landlord.

NOTE: Many home addresses have a Dover mailing address but are located in other municipalities such as Victory Gardens, Wharton, Rockaway, etc. Please check carefully to determine that the bride actually lives in the Town of Dover. Residency is the municipality where the couple physically lives.

- The bride and groom must show proof of birth. Original birth certificates or passports.
- Social Security Number (if applicable). Documentary proof must be given at the time of application (S.S. Card, pay stub, W-2 or health insurance card).
- When applying, you must have one (1) witness with you. The witness must:

Be at least 18 years of age.

Know both the bride and groom.

May be a family member.

Be able to speak and understand English

- Name, address and phone number of the officiant performing the ceremony (i.e. Priest, Mayor, Judge, etc.).
- If divorced, must bring "Final Divorce Decree" or "Final Judgment of Divorce" paper, showing the docket number and the Judge's signature.
- If widowed, must bring a certified copy of former spouse's death certificate.
- After you apply, there is a 72 hour waiting period before the license can be issued to you.