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OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE IN FRANKLIN BOROUGH

- **Where should you apply for a marriage license?**

If the bride or groom is a *resident* of New Jersey, the marriage license may be obtained from the Registrar of Vital Statistics in either municipality that they reside in.

If the bride is a *non-resident* of New Jersey and the groom is a resident of New Jersey, the license must be obtained from the Registrar in the municipality in which the groom resides. (For marriage license purposes, soldiers are residents of the posts at which they are stationed.) A license issued under either of the preceding circumstances is good for use anywhere in New Jersey.

If both bride and groom are *non-residents* of New Jersey, the license must be obtained from the Registrar of the municipality where the marriage is to be performed and is only good for use in that municipality.

A license may never be used outside of New Jersey and a license issued in another state may never be used in New Jersey.

- **How to apply.**

Contact the Franklin Registrar, **Marguerite Nemeth at (973)827-9280x100** to make an appointment. The Registrar's office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Recommendation is to make an appointment at least two weeks before the ceremony. A marriage license can not be issued until 72 hours after the application has been made. Once the marriage license is issued, it is good for 30 days from the date of issuance.

A couple wishing to have both religious and civil ceremonies may be issued a license for both ceremonies on the basis of a single application. However, a couple wishing to have two religious ceremonies, and wanting to have a public record of each, may not have two licenses issued at the same time. They must apply for and use the first license. They must then

return to the Registrar with the signed original certificate of the marriage and a witness to apply for a remarriage license.

▪ **Application requirements:**

Present at application time...

- Bride, groom and one witness 18 years of age or older who knows the couple.

Must bring...

- Proof of residency such as a driver's license, lease, tax return, etc.
- Divorce, annulment or death certificate (if previously married)
- \$28.00

Must know...

- Both parents birth places.
- Both mothers maiden name.
- Name and address of person officiating the marriage.