

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions For Couples Applying for a Marriage License



Q: What do I do with the marriage license before the ceremony?

A: Just give the license to the person performing the ceremony (the officiator) anytime beforehand.

Q: What happens with the license AFTER the ceremony?

A: The officiator will return it to the Glastonbury Town Clerk's office in the pre-addressed envelope provided.

Q: How many certified copies will I need?

A: That depends on your own situation. If you are changing your name, you will need to first visit the Social Security office near you and then visit DMV to obtain a new driver's license. Your employer may require a copy for insurance purposes. It is our understanding that the DMV and SS do not keep the copies. Generally, people get one or two copies.

Q: What IS a certified copy?

A: A certified copy is a copy of your marriage license with a raised seal that is only obtainable from our office. It shows that it is an official copy of the marriage record.

Q: What is the cost of a certified copy?

A: \$20 per copy

Q: How do I get a certified copy?

A: You can prepay at the time that you apply for your marriage license and once the officiator returns the license to our office we will mail the copy out to you. Or, you can obtain a certified copy from our office at any time in the future, either in person or by requesting it in the mail.

Q: If I live in another town, can I get a certified copy in my hometown?

A: Yes, we will be sending a copy to your town of residence (Connecticut towns only) the month after we receive the license back in our office. You can apply for a certified copy in the Town Clerk's office where you live if you would like.

Q: How do I change my name after I am married?

A: If you are changing your name, you will need to first visit a Social Security Office near you with a certified copy of your marriage license. Once you have changed your name with Social Security, you can take a certified copy of your marriage license to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which will allow you to change your name on your driver's license.