

Applying for Marriage /Civil union License

In New Jersey

Requirements for entering into Marriage:

- Not to be a party to another civil union, domestic partnership or marriage in this State or recognized by this State.
- Be of the same sex for civil union; marriages can be same or opposite sex couple.
- Be at least 18 years of age, except that applicants under the age of 18 may enter into a marriage/civil union with parental consent. Applicants under the age 16 must obtain parental consent and have the consent approved in writing by any judge of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, and Family part.
- It is your responsibility to locate an officiant who will perform your ceremony as well as date and location.
- The Borough of Cliffside Park offers the service of our Judge to marry you, but marriages are **ONLY** held on **Thursday nights at 5:15pm** in the **Municipal Court**.

Where to Apply:

- The marriage/civil union license application is to be made in The Borough in which either the bride or groom resides. **Cliffside Park Borough # 201-313-2043/2042**
- **APPOINTMENT REQUIRED** with registrar before applying. 8:30a-4:30p.

Required Documents when Applying for Marriage/Civil Union License:

- Proof of identity such as driver's license, passport or state/federal I.D.
- Proof of your residency.
- Your social security card or social security number.
- A witness, 18 years of age or older.
- The \$28.00 application fee. Cash-Exact Amount No change available. Check or Money Order made to Borough of Cliffside Park. No ATM on premises. No credit/debit cards accepted.

After you apply:

- There is a 72-hour waiting period before the license is issued. This is no 72-hours waiting period for remarriage/reaffirmation of civil union; however you must bring a certified copy of existing Marriage/Civil union certificate.
- Certified copies can be obtained at Borough of Cliffside Park if event took place in the town.
- The marriage/civil union license application is valid for 6 months from date accepted, unless registrar has given prior approval to extend maximum is one year
- Once license is issued it is valid 30 days from the date of issuance.