

MARRIAGE OR CIVIL UNION LICENSES IN LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, N.J.

The application for a marriage or civil union can be obtained from any Local Registrar's office or online from the State Registrar's office at http://www.state.nj.us/health/vital/marriage_apply.shtml

The license application is to be made in the New Jersey municipality in which either applicant resides and the license is valid throughout the State of New Jersey. If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, the license application must be made in the municipality where the ceremony will occur and the license is only valid in that municipality.

One witness, at least 18 years old, must accompany the applicants when applying.

License will be issued minimum of 72 hours after application is made. Once issued, the license is valid for thirty (30) days.

The fee for applying for a marriage or civil union license is \$28.00, collected at the time of application (non-refundable).

Each applicant must provide:

1. Proof of identity (established by presenting a driver's license, passport or state/federal I.D.)
2. Proof of residency
3. Certified copy of birth certificate
4. If applicable, a divorce decree, dissolution of a civil union, termination of a domestic partnership or certified copy of a death certificate
5. Social Security Card or Social Security Number (required by law for U.S. citizens)

Any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

The vital statistics office for Lawrence Township is located in the health department at the municipal building, 2207 Lawrence Road (U.S. Route 206). Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is recommended applicants contact the office at 609-844-7089 to set up an appointment to apply for their license.

Two officials in our Township who perform marriage or civil union ceremonies are Mayor James S. Kownacki (Phone: 609-421-0875) and Judge Kevin P. Nerwinski (Phone: 609-844-7159). The applicants must contact either of these individuals personally to set up the date for the ceremony. (Note: The fee for the Mayor to perform a ceremony in the Township is \$100.00. Outside the Township, the fee is \$150.00. Fee must be paid to the Clerk's Office prior to the date of the ceremony.)

