



## VITAL RECORDS

### MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

To be married in New Hampshire you do not have to establish residency. A couple wishing to marry in the State of New Hampshire may complete a marriage application at any New Hampshire City/Town Clerk's office regardless of their place of residence. This includes out-of-state residents as well. Once a valid marriage license is issued, the couple will be free to marry within any city/town in New Hampshire. Both parties must appear in person to file marriage intentions, as the signature of each applicant is required. However, if either party (or both) is a member of the armed forces, he or she shall forward an affidavit of marriage intentions, prepared by the armed services legal representative, to the Clerk if he or she cannot appear in person.

**Marriage License Fee** is set by RSA 457:29 and payable to the Town. Currently a marriage license fee is \$50.00.

**Documents Required:** A photo ID, proof of age. In addition, a certified copy of a death certificate of a former spouse, if applicant is widowed; a certified copy of a \*final divorce decree, if the applicant is divorced, a certified copy of an \*annulment decree; if the applicant's previous marriage was annulled. New Hampshire does not require a blood test or witnesses. ***Must be original document or have raised seal.***

A marriage license is issued the same day of the application, provided all signatures and statutory requirements are met (i.e., proof of divorce or death of previous marriage). The license shall be valid for 90 days from the date of filing.

After the ceremony, the officiant has 6 days to complete and return the marriage license to the Town Clerk's office. Once that is received you can obtain a certified copy.

### CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE, DEATH, BIRTH, CIVIL UNION, CU DISSOLUTIONS, DIVORCE

The Town Clerk is the keeper of all vital record events for their town. Certified copies are available. If you are looking to obtain a record that does not fall within the dates below, that record can be obtained at the town **where the event occurred**, i.e., where the marriage license was completed not where the marriage took place.

The request form must be completed and photo ID must be presented. The requester must have a direct and tangible interest to obtain the record. A charge of \$15.00 for first copy and \$10.00 for each additional copy of that record purchased at the same time.

#### Records Available at any Town Clerks Office

Birth	1982 – present
Death	1990 – present
Marriage	1989 – present
Divorce	1990 - within 6 months
Civil Unions	2008 & 2009
CU Dissolutions	2008 - within 6 months