

Maryland Circuit Court Clerk's Office Use Only

Marriage License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Local Number \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MARYLAND
NON-RESIDENT MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION - AFFIDAVIT
COMPLETE FORM ONLINE AND PRINT OUT (OR PRINT LEGIBLY) - SEE ATTACHED

Note: A party who is 17 years of age may not use this form and should contact the Clerk's Office in the county where the ceremony is to take place for additional information.

Maryland county in which marriage ceremony is to take place: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of ceremony, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ County OR Baltimore City

I/We make application for a marriage license in accordance with Maryland law, and make the following statements UNDER OATH:

PARTY 1: Give full legal name

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Sr/Jr/etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Verified

Residence: (Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status (check one): \*required per Maryland Code Annotated, Family Law Article, § 2-402 (b)(3)(i)

[ ] Single

[ ] Widowed - Date(s) and State/Country of death of spouse(s): \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Divorced - Date(s) and State/Country where divorce(s) granted: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: For every previous marriage, the date and the state or foreign country in which the marriage ended, and whether the marriage ended by death of spouse or divorce, is required. Attach additional sheet if needed.

PARTY 2: Give full legal name

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Sr/Jr/etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Verified

Residence: (Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status (check one): \*required per Maryland Code Annotated, Family Law Article, § 2-402 (b)(3)(i)

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[ ] Widowed - Date(s) and State/Country of death of spouse(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Is Party 2 related to Party 1 by either blood or marriage? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, what is the relationship? \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g.: second cousins; aunt/nephew; step-sister/step-brother; etc.)

License delivery instructions:

Check one: [ ] Parties will pick up the license at the issuing Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

[ ] Mail the license to (name and mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE SWEAR OR AFFIRM, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF. (May be signed by one or both parties.)

Signature of Party 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Party 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Only one party's signature is required, though both may sign if present.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by an official, comparable to a Maryland Clerk of Circuit Court, from the county, state, province or country where the applicant resides.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ .m.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Court or Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Court or Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Seal of Comparable Official \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

See attached instructions for more information

# INSTRUCTIONS

## Maryland Non-Resident Marriage License Application – Affidavit

A marriage ceremony can take place ONLY in the county where the marriage license is issued. The license must be obtained and presented to the official who will be performing the marriage ceremony before the ceremony may take place. It is the responsibility of the parties to know the Maryland county in which the ceremony site is located, and to obtain the marriage license from the Clerk of Circuit Court for that county or, if in Baltimore City, the Clerk of Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Please note that Baltimore City and Baltimore County are two separate and distinct political subdivisions, and a license issued by the Clerk of Circuit Court for one political subdivision cannot be used in the other political subdivision.

### **Who can apply for a Maryland marriage license using a Non-Resident Marriage License Application Affidavit (NRMLA Affidavit)?**

An applicant can use a NRMLA Affidavit if neither party to be married is a resident of the county/Baltimore City where the marriage ceremony will take place. If either party is a resident of the county/Baltimore City where the marriage ceremony will take place, the NRMLA Affidavit cannot be used, and one of the parties will need to apply for the marriage license in person at the Clerk's Office in that county/Baltimore City. **A party who is 17 years of age may not use this form and should contact the Clerk's Office in the county where the ceremony is to take place for additional information.**

### **How to apply using the NRMLA Affidavit? COMPLETE FORM ONLINE AND PRINT OUT (OR PRINT LEGIBLY)**

1. Find out in which Maryland county/Baltimore City the marriage ceremony will take place. The license must be obtained from the Clerk of Circuit Court for that county/Baltimore City.
2. Contact the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court for the county/Baltimore City where the ceremony will take place to find out what the fee is in that county, for a marriage license. Also, get the mailing address for that Clerk's office. Fees vary from county to county, and the parties will mail the completed NRMLA Affidavit, with the appropriate fee, to that office. Contact information for Clerks of Circuit Courts can be found at [mdcourts.gov/circuit/index](https://mdcourts.gov/circuit/index).
3. Take the NRMLA Affidavit form (2 pages) and a copy of an official government-issued birth certificate or other official government-issued document or record demonstrating the age of each party to the office of a public official in the county, state, province or country where the party resides whose duties are comparable to that of a Maryland Clerk of Circuit Court. The clerk of any court, a Prothonotary, a Recorder of Deeds, or an official whose duty it is to issue marriage licenses, are examples of "comparable officials." **A notary public is NOT a "comparable official."**
4. Ask the "comparable official" if they will execute the form. This process is allowed by Maryland law, but Maryland law does not govern officials of other states or nations. Therefore, an official outside of Maryland is not required to, and may choose not to, provide this service. In that event, application will have to be made in person at the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court for the Maryland county in which the marriage ceremony will take place.
5. If the "comparable official" will provide the service, complete all information requested (all information is required by Maryland law, including social security number), but **do not sign the form until the "comparable official" asks. It must be signed in the presence of the "comparable official."**
6. The "comparable official" will verify the age of both parties, check the box next to each party's age upon verification, and ask the applicant(s) to sign the form. They will then complete the block at the bottom of the form, sign the form, and apply the Seal of their office. The "comparable official" will then return the signed form to the applicant(s) for mailing, along with the appropriate fee, to the Maryland Clerk of Circuit Court for the county/Baltimore City where the marriage ceremony will take place.
7. Once the NRMLA Affidavit form is fully executed, mail it and a certified check or money order (personal checks are not accepted) in the appropriate amount (see item 2 above) for the marriage license fee, payable to **Clerk of Circuit Court**, to the Clerk of Circuit Court **for the Maryland county/Baltimore City in which the marriage ceremony will take place**. Marriage licenses in Maryland do not take effect until 2 days after the date an application is received in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court but are good for 6 months from that date. It is recommended that the applicant(s) mail the NRMLA affidavit at least three weeks before the wedding date, to allow time for delivery by the U.S. Post Office, and for resolution of any problems the Clerk may have with the application. Be sure to include a phone number for at least one of the parties, so the clerk can contact the parties if there are any problems with the application, or if additional information is required.
8. Once the NRMLA Affidavit is processed, the marriage license will be mailed or held for pick up according to the applicant's instructions on the form.

Maryland marriage laws can be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Family Law Article, Title 2.