

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE RECORD

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2 BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

I would like a **Certified Copy**. This copy will establish the identity of the registrant. (To receive a Certified Copy you **MUST INDICATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE REGISTRANT** (select from the list below) **AND COMPLETE THE ATTACHED SWORN STATEMENT** declaring that you are eligible to receive the Certified Copy. The Sworn Statement **MUST BE NOTARIZED** if the application is submitted by mail **unless you are a law enforcement or local or state governmental agency.**)

I would like a **Certified Informational Copy**. This document will be printed with a legend on the face of the document that states, **“INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY.”**

(A Sworn Statement does not need to be provided.)

NOTE: Both documents are certified copies of the original document on file with the CDPH-VR. With the exception of the legend, the documents contain the same information.

Fee: **\$15 per copy** (payable to CDPH Vital Records). **PLEASE SUBMIT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER – DO NOT SEND CASH** (CDPH-VR cannot be held responsible for fees paid in cash that are lost, misdirected, or undelivered).

To receive a **Certified Copy** I am:

- The registrant (person listed on the certificate) or a parent or legal guardian of the registrant. **(Legal guardian must provide documentation.)**
- A party entitled to receive the record as a result of a court order. **(Please include a copy of the court order.)**
- A member of a law enforcement agency or a representative of another governmental agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business. **(Companies representing a government agency must provide authorization from the government agency.)**
- A child, grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister, spouse, or domestic partner of the registrant.
- An attorney representing the registrant or the registrant’s estate, or any person or agency empowered by statute or appointed by a court to act on behalf of the registrant or the registrant’s estate.
- Appointed rights in a power of attorney, or an executor of the registrant’s estate. **(Please include a copy of the power of attorney, or supporting documentation identifying you as executor.)**

PLEASE ATTACH CHECK HERE

APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Today’s Date:

Agency Name (if applicable)		Agency Case Number	Inmate ID Number	
Name of Applicant		Signature of Applicant	Purpose of Request	
Mailing Address – Number, Street		Amount Enclosed – DO NOT SEND CASH \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Money Order		Number of Copies
City		Mailing Address of Person Receiving Copies, if Different from Applicant		
State/Province	ZIP Code	Mailing Address for Copies, if Different from Applicant		
Daytime Telephone (include area code) ()	Country	City	State	ZIP Code

MARRIAGE RECORD INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Complete First Person and Second Person information below as shown on the marriage record, to the best of your knowledge.

Name of First Person – FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name	CURRENT LAST Name	LAST Name (Before Marriage/Domestic Partnership)
Date of Birth (MM/DD/CCYY)	County of Birth (CA ONLY)	Father/Parent of First Person (First, Middle, Last)	
Name of Second Person – FIRST Name	MIDDLE Name	CURRENT LAST Name	LAST Name (Before Marriage/Domestic Partnership)
Date of Birth (MM/DD/CCYY)	County of Birth (CA ONLY)	Father/Parent of Second Person (First, Middle, Last)	
Date of Marriage – Month, Day, Year	If Date Unknown, Enter Year(s)	County That Issued License	County Where Marriage Took Place

INFORMATION:

Public marriage records have been maintained in the California Department of Public Health Vital Records (CDPH-VR) since July 1, 1905.

- **1905 through 1948, 1987 through 1997, and 2000 to 2010:** We *are not able to provide* certified copies of certificates for these years. You will need to contact the County Recorder in the county where the license was issued. Our staff is continually indexing older marriage records and will post updates on our website as more years become available for request.
- **1949 through 1986:** Due to the increased and urgent need for certified copies of birth certificates as proof of identity, CDPH-VR is experiencing lengthy delays in the processing time for marriage records. Since this processing time can easily exceed six months, you should submit your request for a marriage record to the County Recorder's Office in the county where the marriage license was issued.
- **1998 through 1999 and 2011 to Present:** If you require a copy within the first six months after the date of event, we recommend that you send your request to the County Recorder's Office where the marriage license was issued, as our office may not have the record available yet. If you choose to send your request to our office within the first six months after the date of event, and we do not have the record available yet, we will issue you a Certificate of No Public Record (CNPR). Our office will retain the fee for the search, per California law.
- **Confidential Marriage Records:** We *do not maintain* confidential marriage records. Contact the County Clerk's Office in the county where the marriage license was issued.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **ONLY** individuals who are authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 103526 can obtain a Certified Copy of a Marriage Record. (Page 1 identifies the individuals who are authorized to make the request.) All others may receive a Certified Informational Copy which will be marked, "Informational, Not a Valid Document to Establish Identity."
2. Complete a separate application for each marriage record requested.
3. Provide as much information as possible to help us locate the specific record you are requesting. Complete **First Person and Second Person Information** for marriage requests. If the information you provide is incomplete or inaccurate, we may not be able to locate the record.
4. **SWORN STATEMENT:**
 - The authorized individual requesting the certified copy must sign the attached Sworn Statement, declaring under penalty of perjury that they are eligible to receive the certified copy of the marriage record, and identify their relationship to the registrant (person listed on the certificate) – the relationship must be one of those identified on Page 1.
 - If the application is being submitted by mail, the Sworn Statement **must be** notarized by a Notary Public. (To find a Notary Public, see your local yellow pages or call your banking institution.) **Law enforcement and local and state governmental agencies are exempt from the notary requirement.**
 - You do not have to provide a Sworn Statement if you are requesting a certified informational copy of the marriage record.
5. Submit \$15 for **each** copy requested. If no marriage record is found, the fee will be retained for searching for the record (as required by law) and a "Certificate of No Public Record" will be issued to the applicant. Indicate the number of copies you want and include the correct fee(s) in the form of a personal check or postal or bank money order (International Money Order for out-of-country requests) made payable to **CDPH Vital Records. PLEASE SUBMIT CHECK OR MONEY ORDER – DO NOT SEND CASH** (CDPH cannot be held responsible for fees paid in cash that are lost, misdirected, or undelivered).
6. Mail completed applications with the fee(s) to:

California Department of Public Health
Vital Records – MS 5103
P.O. Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410
(916) 445-2684

SWORN STATEMENT

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California,
 (Applicant's Printed Name)

that I am an authorized person, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 103526 (c), and am eligible to receive a certified copy of the birth, death, or marriage certificate of the following individual(s):

Name of Person Listed on Certificate	Applicant's Relationship to Person Listed on Certificate (Must Be a Relationship Listed on Page 1 of Application)

(The remaining information must be completed in the presence of a Notary Public or CDPH Vital Records staff.)

Subscribed to this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____,
 (Day) (Month) (City) (State)

 (Applicant's Signature)

Note: If submitting your order by mail, you must have your Sworn Statement notarized using the Certificate of Acknowledgment below. The Certificate of Acknowledgment must be completed by a Notary Public. (Law enforcement and local and state governmental agencies are exempt from the notary requirement.)

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of _____)

County of _____)

On _____ before me, _____, personally appeared _____,
 (insert name and title of the officer)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct

WITNESS my hand and official seal.
 (SEAL)

 SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC