



General Same Sex Marriage Information

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

County Clerk Office Processing hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

General Information about marriage in the State of California

- California residence is not a requirement to marry in California. The same requirements apply whether you are a U.S. Citizen or Foreigner.
- Two unmarried parties may marry in the State of California.
- Marriage by proxy is not allowed in California.

What do we need to be legally married?

1. Apply for and purchase a California marriage license at a California County Clerk Office in person, and
2. Have a ceremony on or after issue date (and before expiration date) of marriage license, and
3. Marriage solemnized by a person authorized by CA Family Code Section 400-402.

When will the County Clerk be able to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples?

We currently do not know the exact date when the County Clerk's office will be able to start issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. There are additional steps that the lower courts must take before the Supreme Court's ruling can take effect. It will likely take at least 30 days. We will provide updates as soon as additional information becomes available.

Can same-sex couples schedule an appointment now to come in for a marriage license and ceremony?

This office does not require or accept appointments to obtain a marriage license. To have your ceremony in our chapel, you may schedule an appointment for a future date. However, because we do not yet know the exact date when the court's ruling will take final effect – and it will likely take at least 30 days – your appointment may expire prior to when we can issue a marriage license. Accordingly, you may wish to make an appointment until we know when the ruling will take effect. Please check www.smcare.org for updates. Appointment(s) may be rescheduled at least 3 days prior to your appointment date and appointments may not be rescheduled for more than 90 days from the original date of when you booked and paid for your appointment. NO REFUNDS.

How much does a marriage license cost?

A marriage license costs \$78, payable in person by cash or debit. NO REFUNDS.

What if we are currently State Registered Domestic Partners?

You should consult a private attorney and/or the Secretary of State's Office.

When will the State prescribed forms be changed to reflect the Court's decision?

To be determined.

Can we get a marriage license anywhere else?

Yes. The court's decision is effective for the entire State of California.

When can we request and pay for a certified copy of our marriage certificate?

Upon receipt of a marriage license returned to the County Recorder, certified copies will be available for \$13 each.

For additional information, go to www.smcare.org/records/marriage.



CALIFORNIA COUNTY CLERKS

Alameda	Courthouse, 11006 Madison St., 1 st Floor, Oakland, CA 94607, (510) 272-6565
Alpine	P.O. Box 158, Markleeville, CA 96120, (530) 694-2281
Amador	810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642, (209) 223-6468
Butte	25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, (530) 538-7691
Calaveras	Government Center, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA 95249 (209) 754-6372
Colusa	546 Jay Street, Colusa, CA 95932-2491, (530) 458-0500
Contra Costa	555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 335-7899
Del Norte	981 H Street, Suite 160, Crescent City, CA 95531, (707) 464-7216
El Dorado	360 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 621-5490
Fresno	2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA 93721, (559) 488-3375
Glenn	Courthouse, 526 W. Sycamore Street, Willows, CA 95988-2746, (530) 934-6412
Humboldt	Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, 5 th Floor, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 445-7382
Imperial	Courthouse, 940 Main Street, Suite 206, El Centro, CA 92243-2865
Inyo	Courthouse, P.O. Box F, Independence, CA 93526, (760) 878-0222
Kern	1115 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639, (661) 868-3516
Kings	Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, CA 93230-9910 (559) 582-3211 x 2392
Lake	Courthouse, 225 N. Forbes Street, Lakeport, CA 95453, (707) 263-2311
Lassen	Courthouse, 220 S. Lassen Street, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 251-8216
Los Angeles	12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, (562) 462-2716
Madera	200 West 4 th Street, Madera, CA 93637, (559) 675-7721
Marin	3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 47, Civic Center Courthouse, San Rafael, CA (415) 499-6140
Mariposa	Courthouse, P.O. Box 247, Mariposa, CA 95338, (209) 966-2005
Mendocino	501 Low Gap Road, #1020, Ukiah, CA 95482, (707) 463-4370
Merced	2222 M Street, Room 14, Merced, CA 95340, (209) 385-7501
Modoc	Box 130, Alturas, CA 96101, (530) 233-6201
Mono	Annex 2 Bryant Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517, (76) 932-5530
Monterey	240 Church Street, P.O. Box 29, Salinas, CA 93902, (831) 755-5404
Napa	900 Coombs Street, Room 116, P.O. Box 298, Napa, CA 94559-0298 (707) 253-4247
Nevada	HEW Building, Suite E, 10433 Willow Valley Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 (530) 265-1296
Orange	12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 106, P.O. Box 238, Santa Ana, CA 92702 (714) 834-2887
Placer	2954 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603, (530) 886-5610
Plumas	520 Main Street, Room 102, Quincy, CA 95971, (530) 283-6218
Riverside	2724 Gateway Drive, P.O. Box 751, Riverside, CA 92502-0751, (951) 486-7000
Sacramento	600 8 th Street, P.O. Box 839, Sacramento, CA 95812-0839, (916) 874-6334
San Benito	Room 206, Courthouse, Hollister, CA 95023-3896, (831) 636-4029
San Bernardino	222 W. Hospitality Lane, 1 st Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0022 (909) 387-3921
San Diego	1600 Pacific Highway, 2 nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 237-0502
San Francisco	One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 168, San Francisco, CA 94102-4678, (415) 554-4950
San Joaquin	6 South El Dorado Avenue, 2 nd Floor, P.O. Box 1968, Stockton, CA 95201-1968, (209) 468-2362



San Luis Obispo	1144 Monterey Street, Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408, (805) 781-5088
San Mateo	555 County Center, 1 st Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063-1665, (650) 363-4712
Santa Barbara	1100 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, (805) 568-2250
Santa Clara	Superior Court Building, 170 Park Plaza, San Jose, CA 95112, (408) 299-8583
Santa Cruz	701 Ocean Street, Room 230, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 454-2800
Shasta	1643 Market Street, Redding, CA 96001, P.O. Box 990880, Redding, CA 96099-0880, (530) 225-5730
Sierra	P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, CA 95936, (530) 289-3295
Siskiyou	Courthouse, P.O. Box 338, Yreka, CA 96097, (530) 842-8084
Solano	675 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533, (707) 421-7485
Sonoma	2300 County Center Drive, Suite B 177, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, (707) 565-3800
Stanislaus	1021 I Street, Suite 101, P.O. Box 1670, Modesto, CA 95353-1670, (209) 525-5211
Sutter	433 Second Street, Yuba City, CA 95991, P.O. Box 1555, Yuba City, CA 95922-1555, (530) 822-7120
Tehama	P.O. Box 250, Red Bluff, CA 96080, (530) 527-3350
Trinity	P.O. Box 1215, Weaverville, CA 96093-1215, (530) 623-1222
Tulare	221 S. Mooney Boulevard, Room 103, Visalia, CA 93291-4593, (559) 733-6374
Tuolumne	2 nd Floor, Admin Building, 2 South Green Street, Suite E, Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 533-5570
Ventura	800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, (805) 654-2266
Yolo	625 Court Street, Room B01, Woodland, CA 95695, (530) 666-8264
Yuba	915 8 th Street, Suite 107, Marysville, CA 95901, (530) 749-7851

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