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IMMIGRANTS NYC MARRIAGE GUIDE GETTING MARRIED AND GETTING YOUR GREEN CARD

GETTING MARRIED/APPLYING FOR YOUR GREEN CARD IN NYC

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Anyone who wants to get married in NY must get a Marriage License first. Here is information about the steps that you will need to take to get a Marriage License so that you can get married.

How much does a Marriage License cost?

A marriage license costs \$35 and you can pay by credit card or money order (make it payable to the City Clerk).

How long is my marriage license valid?

A NY Marriage License is valid for 60 days (it is valid for 180 days for active military personnel but only 60 days for everyone else). You can use your marriage license to get married anywhere in NY, but it may not be used outside NY.

What are the steps of the application process?

1. You begin the process online or by filling out a paper form for a Marriage License. The online process is faster.
2. After you fill out the application (online or in person) you then complete the process by appearing with your fiancé at the Office of the City Clerk in person (make sure you go to this office together not separately). You cannot have someone else go with you for your fiancé if they cannot attend, you will be turned away if you do not show up with the person you intend to marry.
3. You then get the application from the information desk and complete it there in their office.
4. They will process your Marriage License while you wait.
5. Make sure to check it for mistakes before you leave.
6. Now that you have your certificate you are free to get married after 24 hours.

What do I need to fill out the Marriage License Application?

You will need these items:

- You and your fiancé must bring proper identification.