

FEQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Marriage Records

Is my marriage on file in New Jersey if I was married in another state or country?

No. You must contact the state or country in which you were married.

Who can perform marriages in New Jersey?

Judges of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third District, federal district court judges, U.S. magistrate, judge of a municipal court, judge of the Superior Court, judge of a tax court, retired judge of the Superior Court or Tax Court, the former County Court, the former County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, or the former County District Court who has resigned in good standing, surrogate of any county, county clerk, any mayor or the deputy mayor when authorized by the mayor, or chairman of any township committee or village president of this State and ministers of every religion may marry individuals legally permitted to marry.

Can Internet ministers perform my marriage ceremony?

Yes. It is recommended you check the Internet website for the particular Internet ministry to verify that their ministers are authorized to perform marriage ceremonies.

What is required to file a delayed marriage certificate?

In order to request a delayed report of marriage, you must first file an application requesting the marriage certificate to ensure the record is not on file. If the marriage occurred within the last seven years and documentary proof is available a late marriage can be recorded. If the marriage took place more than seven years ago a delayed report must be filed by providing a copy of the marriage license application and documentary proof the marriage occurred. If the marriage license application is not available, then a court order must be obtained directing the Office of Vital Statistics and Registry to place the marriage on file as a delayed record. Please contact the Record Modification unit at 1-866-649-8726 extension 581 for further information.