



Marriage In Maine

The celebration of marriage is a happy event for people of all ages and from all walks of life. You might be getting married again, or you might be marrying for the first time. Whatever the history or the reason behind your decision to marry, the process remains the same. This section will tell you what you need to do to get married in Maine.

Important note: A change in marital status can trigger a change in your benefits. Make sure you read the section “Marital Status and Benefit Considerations” of this chapter before you get married.

What do I need to do to get married in Maine?

It is fairly simple to get married in Maine. For more information about the steps that you must take to get married, and for help finding someone who can perform the ceremony, visit the State of Maine’s website on marriage by clicking here.

Things to think about before you get married

When people get married later in life, they might come into the new marriage with pre-existing family and property. If you or your fiancé own property, you should each think about talking to an attorney before you get married. Your new marriage might affect how your property is distributed after you die.

If you already have a Will or some other estate plan, you should review it and make sure it reflects your current wishes. If you had an attorney help you draft the Will, you should contact them to talk about your upcoming change in marital status to see if there are any issues that you should consider.

Also, public benefits can be impacted by a new marriage. Call your local Area Agency on Aging at 1-877-353-3771 to find out what impact, if any, your new marriage will have on your public benefits.

Resources

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State of Maine Website

For more information on the legal requirements for marriage in Maine, visit the State’s website by clicking here.

Notary Public Search

To find a notary public in your area, visit the State’s searchable website by clicking here.

State of Maine: Local Government Portal

To get more information about your town hall, visit the State’s town hall database by clicking here.

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