



# Municipal Office, Town of Bristol, Maine

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Dear Marriage Applicants:

- Please complete the Intention of Marriage form **neatly with black ink. Complete every item carefully.** This information is used to prepare your marriage license.
- The intention worksheet must be signed in front of the Town Clerk or Notary Public.
- Maine residents must apply at the Clerk's Office in the municipality where at least one party resides. If neither applicant is a Maine resident, the application may be returned to any municipality. (Non-residents are encouraged to file intentions at the municipal office where they plan to be married.)
- Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date the marriage intentions are filed.
- Applicants must be over 18 years old. Written parental consent is required for an applicant under 18. Written parental consent and written consent of a judge are required for an applicant under 16.
- Marriage applicants must sign the license in the presence of the Town Clerk. Photo identification must be presented.
- If this is not the first marriage for one of you, bring a certified copy (raised seal) of the divorce from or death certificate of the last spouse.
- The cost of the Marriage License is \$40. Certified copies of the completed license may be obtained from the clerk for a fee of \$15 for one copy and \$6 for each additional copy. All checks should be made payable to "Town of Bristol". Certified copies will be mailed to you after a completed marriage license has been returned to the Clerk's Office.
- If you have questions, please call the Clerk's Office. The office hours are Monday – Friday, 8 am to 4 pm and Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm.

If you are looking for an Officiant for your ceremony, the following individuals are authorized to perform marriages in Maine:

- Ordained ministers of the gospel
- A person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious seminary or ecclesiastical body
- Judges or justices (residents of Maine only)
- Lawyers admitted to the Maine Bar (residents of Maine only)
- Maine Notaries - Search for Maine Notaries by Location or Name by visiting:

[https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/notary/search/search\\_index.pl](https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/notary/search/search_index.pl)

Maine does not have Justices of the Peace. Out-of-state Notaries and Justices of the Peace cannot officiate weddings in Maine.