



TOWN of NEW SHOREHAM
OFFICE of the TOWN CLERK

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TTY 711

To: Marriage License Applicants
From: New Shoreham Town Clerk's Office

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Thank you for contacting our office for your marriage license. We can issue you a license if you are planning a Block Island wedding and you live outside the State of Rhode Island. We also issue marriage licenses to residents of New Shoreham.

Experience has taught us to ask applicants to mail us a copy of your application and birth certificates in advance so we may review everything and contact you if we have questions. Potential problems are much easier to settle before you get to Block Island. If any of your paperwork is not in English, please contact us for translation guidelines. When you come to Block Island for the license, bring all your original documents. You will need:

Worksheet: Complete and sign the worksheet for a marriage license and be sure to include a daytime telephone number. The worksheet is *two pages*.

Birth certificate: We need an original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county or city. Look for a raised seal. We cannot accept a notarized copy, a hospital certificate or baptismal certificate.

Proof of termination of previous marriage/civil union: You must provide proof of your most recent marriage or civil union has ended. If the marriage ended in divorce, provide a certified copy of the final divorce decree. You can get one by contacting the Clerk of the Court that issued the divorce. If your marriage ended in death, provide a certified copy of your spouse's death certificate.

Both parties must come to Town Hall so we may issue your license. Bring all your original documents with you. We will examine them and return them to you. There is no "waiting period" in Rhode Island, you may be married immediately; however, you must use the license within 90 days. If the license isn't used, you must return it to this office. No blood test is required in Rhode Island. The application fee for the license is \$24.00, the first certified copy costs \$20.00, and additional copies ordered at the same time cost \$15.00 each. We accept checks or cash.

Town Hall is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 3:00. We are closed on federal holidays, and the second Monday in August, which is a Rhode Island holiday. Please call if you are in doubt about our schedule.

If you plan a celebration with more than 75 people, you may need a special event license. Please contact this office immediately for details.

The Block Island Chamber of Commerce can be reached at (401) 466-2982.

Please mail documents to New Shoreham Town Clerk, PO Box 220, Block Island RI 02807.

P.O. BOX 220
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LOCAL OFFICIANTS
Elected Officials Empowered to Perform Civil Ceremonies

First Warden Kenneth C. Lacoste
P.O. Box G
Block Island, RI 02807
(401) 741-8145 (cell)
e-mail (preferred) kencheck6@verizon.net

Second Warden F. Norris Pike
P.O. Box 306
Block Island, RI 02807
(401) 466-5996 (home)
e-mail (preferred) norrispikebi@aol.com

Local Officiants Empowered to Perform Religious Ceremonies

American Baptist:

Rev. Steven Hollaway
Harbor Baptist Church
P.O. Box D2
Block Island, RI 02807
(401)466-5940

Episcopalian:

Rev. Daniel Barker
St. Ann's By the Sea
P.O. Box 622
Block Island, RI 02807
(401) 466-2911

Jewish:

Cantor Elliot Taubman
Sons and Daughters of Ruth
P.O. Box 277
Block Island, RI 02807
(401) 466-2861

Roman Catholic:

Rev. Joseph Protano
St. Andrew's Church
P.O. Box 279
Block Island, RI 02807
(401) 466-5519

Empowered to Perform Civil Ceremonies

Honorable Richard Kyte
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Block Island, RI 02807
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Katherine A. Merolla, Esq.
469 Centerville Rd. Suite 206
Warwick, RI 02886
401-739-2900
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Internet Ministries

Rose Ministries

John Sisto
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Wedding planners, venues, more: Block Island Chamber of Commerce (401) 466-2982



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**A message from the Town Council...
Important information regarding special events**

Thank you for choosing to celebrate your wedding on Block Island. Our precious environment is a major attraction for the people who live here, visit here and hold special events here.

We want to protect that environment, and have Town ordinances to meet that end. Please note the following, as they may affect the planning of your event:

- A special event license may be necessary if you plan to celebrate your event with more than 75 people. The special event license application must be received 30 days prior to the event. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (401) 466-3200 for details.
- Outdoor music, at monitored, reasonable levels, is allowed until 9:00 p.m. only.
- Open containers of alcoholic beverages are prohibited in public
- On public beaches, *closed* as well as open containers of alcohol are prohibited
- Please refrain from using helium-filled balloons because they kill sea creatures that mistake the balloons for jellyfish and eat them.

If music is played at your event we ask that either you or your wedding planner designate an individual to monitor the volume. Block Island is a small place, and the combination of nearly constant carrying breezes and general lack of buffering trees can cause outdoor sounds to be carried greater distances than might be expected, at any hour of the day or night.

We strive to strike a balance which allows celebrations to be held while also protecting each person's right to an environment reasonably free from excessive noise. By working together, we can have a day that is special for both you and all people on Block Island.

Regards,

New Shoreham Town Council



Rhode Island Marriage Worksheet

PARTY A BRIDE GROOM SPOUSE

Date of Application _____

Current Name _____

Last Name on Birth Certificate (if different) _____

Current Mailing Address
(street address or PO box, city or town, state, zip code)

City/Town, State of Residence (if different) _____

State of Birth (if not USA, name country) _____

Date of Birth (month, day, year) _____

Male Female Current Age _____

Are You Currently under Legal Guardianship? ___ Yes ___ No

Social Security Number* _____ - _____ - _____

Mother or Parent's Full Birth Name _____

State of Mother or Parent's Birth _____
(if not USA, name country)

Father or Parent's Full Birth Name _____

State of Father or Parent's Birth _____
(if not in USA, name country)

The information requested below is required by law but is not issued on certified copies of marriage records unless requested by Party A or Party B.

PARTY A

Number of Previous Marriages, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships
(please specify 0, 1, 2, etc.) _____

Last Marriage / Union / Partnership Ended By: (please specify death,
divorce, dissolution, or annulment) _____

Date Last Marriage / Union / Partnership Ended (month, day, year)

PARTY B BRIDE GROOM SPOUSE

Date of Application _____

Current Name _____

Last Name on Birth Certificate (if different) _____

Current Mailing Address
(street address or PO box, city or town, state, zip code)

City/Town, State of Residence (if different) _____

State of Birth (if not USA, name country) _____

Date of Birth (month, day, year) _____

Male Female Current Age _____

Are You Currently under Legal Guardianship? ___ Yes ___ No

Social Security Number* _____ - _____ - _____

Mother or Parent's Full Birth Name _____

State of Mother or Parent's Birth _____
(if not USA, name country)

Father or Parent's Full Birth Name _____

State of Father or Parent's Birth _____
(if not in USA, name country)

PARTY B

Number of Previous Marriages, Civil Unions, or Domestic Partnerships
(please specify 0, 1, 2, etc.) _____

Last Marriage / Union / Partnership Ended By: (please specify death,
divorce, dissolution, or annulment) _____

Date Last Marriage / Union / Partnership Ended (month, day, year)

Being aware that a penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or a year imprisonment or both is provided for in Rhode Island law for furnishing false information to go on a vital record, I hereby certify that the information provided above is correct.

Signature of Party A _____ Date of Signature _____

Name of Person Completing Information, if Not Party A

Signature of Party B _____ Date of Signature _____

Name of Person Completing Information, if Not Party B

INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN REGISTERING YOUR MARRIAGE RECORD

Name, Address, and Phone Number of Clergy or court official who will perform marriage, if known: _____

DENOMINATION OF CLERGY _____

For Office Use Only: Type of Document and ID# Used for Identification (for example, birth certificate, passport etc.)

Party A: _____ Party B: _____

*Required by Section 23-3-9(d) of the General Laws of RI, 1956, as amended.
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Name, Address, and Phone Number of Church, office, or home where marriage will take place, if known:

Date and City or Town planned for marriage ceremony (note: license expires three months after issuance):

Name of witnesses, if known:

Witness 1: _____

Witness 2: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone Number: Party A: _____ Party B: _____

Email: Party A _____ Party B _____