

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS



UNIFORM MARRIAGE APPLICATION GUIDE

A. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) as the place for your marriage. This guide explains the steps, requirements, and fees involved in obtaining a marriage license. Please read it carefully to ensure a smooth application process.

The marriage application process follows CNMI law outlined in Title 8, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code (8 CMC §§ 1201-1205). Below, you will find all the information you need, including fees, required documents, and how to submit your application.

B. Fees & Application Requirements

1. Marriage License and Ceremony Fees.

The fees for a marriage license and ceremony depend on whether the applicants are CNMI residents or non-residents.

Description	Resident	Non-Resident
Ceremony	\$30.00	\$75.00
Marriage License Application	\$50.00	\$125.00

If one applicant is a resident and the other is a non-resident, non-resident fees apply.

2. Additional Fees (Applicable to all Applicants).

Description	Fees
Documentation	\$25.00
Copy of Marriage License	\$25.00

3. Residency Determination.

A resident is someone who has lived in CNMI for at least 12 months before applying. An applicant may demonstrate residency by meeting at least one of the following:

- Having a CNMI mailing address for 12 months.
- Maintaining a Commonwealth Utilities Corporation account for at least 6 months.
- Paying CNMI income taxes for at least 6 months.
- Maintaining a CNMI bank account for at least 6 months.

C. Steps to Apply for a Marriage License

1. Complete the Marriage License Application.

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- Clearly print or type your information.

2. Pay the Fees.

- You must pay the applicable fees:
 - Marriage License Application Fee
 - Marriage Ceremony Fee
 - Documentation Fee
 - Copy of Marriage License
- Payments may be made at:
 - Saipan
 1. CNMI Treasury (Capitol Hill)
 2. Division of Revenue and Taxation (Dandan)
 3. NMI Judiciary (Susupe)
 - Tinian
 1. Department of Finance (San Jose)
 - Rota
 1. Department of Finance (Tatachok)
- Attach the receipt to your application.

3. Submit the Application.

- Both applicants must be present when submitting the completed application.

4. Required Documents.

- Provide two government-issued IDs (e.g., passport, driver's license, CNMI resident card, etc.). Original birth certificates are accepted but not required.
- Non-English documents must be translated at the applicant's expense.

5. Age Requirements.

- Males must be at least 18 years old.
- Females must be at least 18 years old, or 16 years old with notarized parental or guardian consent.

D. Officiating Marriage Ceremony and Officiating Requirements

The presence of at least two witnesses is required. The marriage ceremony must take place in the CNMI and may be performed by an ordained minister, judge, justice, mayor, the Lt. Governor, the Governor, or other authorized individual.

Please note that your requested marriage date is subject to officiant availability.

E. Receiving Your Recorded Marriage License

After the wedding ceremony, the person performing the marriage must record the marriage certificate with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office per 8 CMC § 1204.

A \$40.50 recording fee is required for processing by the NMI Judiciary–Commonwealth

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Recorder's Office. Confirm the recording process with your officiant.

- Marriage licenses are electronically recorded.
- You will receive a recorded copy via the email address provided in the application.
- You may separately request a certified copy of your marriage record, by visiting or contacting the Commonwealth Recorder's Office. A fee of \$25 per copy applies.

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UNIFORM MARRIAGE APPLICATION

☐ GOVERNOR ☐ MAYOR OF SAIPAN ☐ MAYOR OF TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN
☐ MAYOR OF ROTA ☐ MAYOR OF THE NORTHERN ISLANDS

APPLICATION NO. _____

PARTY A.				PARTY B.						
FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)				FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)						
GENDER ☐ Male ☐ Female				GENDER ☐ Male ☐ Female						
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NON-RESIDENT (Please provide off-island address)				NON-RESIDENT (Please provide off-island address)						
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OCCUPATION				OCCUPATION						
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I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE REVIEWED THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND FOUND THAT THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND READY FOR PROCESSING. _____ SIGNATURE (MARRIAGE LICENSE SECTION)										