

**MARK A. LUNN**  
**VENTURA COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**  
**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF A MARRIAGE RECORD**

Effective January 1, 2010, California State Law, Health and Safety Code Section 103526, permits only authorized persons as defined below to receive certified copies of marriage records.

**Note:** If the marriage license was not issued in Ventura County, then the Ventura County Clerk/Recorder will not have the marriage certificate. Please order the marriage certificate from the Recorder or County Clerk of the county where the license was issued.

**Fees: \$17.00 per copy (payable to the Ventura County Clerk and Recorder).** If no record of the marriage is found, the \$17 fee will be retained for searching the record (as required by law) and a Certificate of No Record will be issued to the applicant. Copies may be obtained in person or by mail at: **Ventura County Clerk and Recorder 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura CA 93009-1260**

**Please indicate the type of certified copy you are requesting:**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Non-confidential (public) marriage certificate:</b></p> <p>To receive a <b>Certified Copy</b> I am:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The registrant (one of the parties to the marriage)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A parent, legal guardian, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner of the registrant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A party entitled to receive the record as a result of a court order (must include a certified copy of the court order with this request)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A member of a law enforcement agency or a representative of another governmental agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> An attorney representing the registrant or the registrant's estate, or any person or agency empowered by statute or appointed by a court to act on behalf of the registrant or the registrant's estate</p> <p><b>Those who are not authorized by law to receive a certified copy of a <u>non-confidential (public)</u> marriage record will receive a certified copy marked "INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY"</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confidential marriage certificate:</b></p> <p>To receive a <b>Certified Copy</b> I am:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One of the parties to the confidential marriage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A party entitled to receive the record as a result of a court order (must include a certified copy of the court order with this request)</p> <p><b>Those who are not authorized by law to receive a certified copy of a <u>confidential</u> marriage record will receive a letter confirming the existence of a confidential marriage pursuant to Family Code Section 511(c).</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of applicant verified</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant had no identification</p>
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**DO NOT complete the rest of this form before reading the detailed instructions on Page 3.**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

Printed Name and Signature of Person Completing Application		Today's Date	Telephone Number – Area Code First ( )	
Address – Number, Street		City	State	ZIP Code
Name of Person Receiving Copies, if Different From Above	No. of Copies	Amount Enclosed	Purpose of Request	
Mailing Address for Copies, If Different From Above		City	State	ZIP Code

**NAMES OF BOTH PARTIES TO THE MARRIAGE (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name as listed on marriage certificate
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name as listed on marriage certificate
Date of Marriage – Month, Day, Year	County Where License was issued	County of Marriage



## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. As of January 1, 2010, **ONLY** individuals who are authorized by Health and Safety Code Section 103526 can obtain a Certified Copy of a Non-Confidential Marriage Record. (Page 1 of the application identifies the individuals who are authorized to make the request.) All others may receive a Certified Informational Copy which will be marked, "Informational, Not a Valid Document to Establish Identity." Certified copies of confidential marriage certificates are only available to the parties of that confidential marriage. Informational copies are **not** available for confidential marriage certificates.
2. Complete a separate application form for each record of public marriage certificate requested.
3. Complete the **Applicant Information** section on the first page of this form and provide your signature where indicated. Provide all the information you have available to identify the record of the registrant under **Marriage Certificate Information**. If the information you furnish is incomplete or inaccurate, it may be impossible to locate the record.
4. **SWORN STATEMENT:**
  - The authorized individual requesting the certified copy must sign the attached Sworn Statement, declaring, under penalty of perjury, that they are eligible to receive the certified copy of the marriage record and identify their relationship to the registrant.
  - If the application is being submitted by mail, your signature on the Sworn Statement **must be** acknowledged by a Notary Public. (To locate a Notary Public, see your local yellow pages or call your banking institution.)
  - Any member of a law enforcement agency or a representative of a state or local government agency, as provided by law, who orders a copy of a record to which subdivision (a) applies in conducting official business is required to complete the Sworn Statement, however, they may not be required to have their signature on the Sworn Statement acknowledged by a Notary Public.
  - If the application is being submitted in person at the County Clerk and Recorders Office, the Sworn Statement **must be signed by you in the presence of the County Clerk and Recorder staff, and your signature does not have to be acknowledged by a Notary Public.**
  - A Sworn Statement does not need to be provided if you are requesting a Certified Informational Copy of a non-confidential (public) marriage record.
5. Submit \$15.00 for **each** certified copy requested. If no record of the marriage is found, the \$15.00 fee will be retained for searching the record (as required by law) and a Certificate of No Public Record, or a letter confirming the existence of a confidential marriage will be issued to the applicant. Indicate the number of certified copies you wish and include the correct fee(s) in the form of a personal check, postal or bank money order (International Money Order for out-of-country requests) made payable to the **Ventura County Clerk and Recorder**. Mail this application with the fee(s) and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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Ventura County Clerk and Recorder

800 S. Victoria Ave

Ventura, CA 93009-1260

Website: [recorder.countyofventura.org](http://recorder.countyofventura.org)

Telephone number (805) 654-2295 Fax (805) 662-6543

6. Credit card orders may be processed on-line at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com). Additional costs apply for processing orders using a credit card. Please follow the directions on Vitalchek's website if ordering using a credit card.

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