



### After the Ceremony ...

Now that you're married, it's time to take care of some technical details. The marriage license is your permission to be married, when you provided it to me on the day of your wedding ceremony (free of any stains or wrinkles); I signed it and filed it with the county to be recorded. (I was required to return the license to the county where it was issued within 10 days of the ceremony, which I did via USPS Certified Mail).

#### **To Get Copies of your Marriage Record (Certified Copy)**

##### **FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

If you obtained your marriage license from the LA County Clerk's Office and you pre-ordered the certified copies, the county will mail them to you within 8 weeks. (The above also applies if you pre-ordered the certified copy(ies) from Tie The Knot Ceremonies and the fee was invoiced and paid for in your final payment). If you did not pre-order them, they will be available for pickup in 6 weeks.

If you did not pre-order them and you want them mailed to you, you can fill out a request for Marriage Record form and have a Certificate of Identity form notarized. Mail both forms with a check payable to the L.A. County Clerk for \$15 per copy. These forms are available online at the county's website (or on my website, under the "Forms" tab). You can also pick them up in person.

You should wait at least 3 weeks before requesting a Certified Copy otherwise the county may issue a Certificate of "No Record" instead.

##### **FOR ORANGE-RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO-SAN DIEGO-VENTURA & OTHER COUNTIES**

If you pre-ordered the certified copies the county will mail them to you within 8 weeks. (The above also applies if you pre-ordered the certified copy(ies) from Tie The Knot Ceremonies and the fee was invoiced and paid for in your final payment). If you did not pre-order them, they should be available for pickup in 3-4 weeks.

If you did not pre-order them and you want them mailed to you, you can fill out a request for Marriage Record form and have a Certificate of Identity form notarized. Mail both forms with a check payable to the County Clerk for that county for \$15 per copy (San Bernardino add \$4.00 to the total). These forms are available online at each county's website (or on my website under the "Forms" tab).

You should wait at least 3 weeks before requesting a Certified Copy otherwise the county may issue a Certificate of "No Record" instead.

#### **SPECIAL NOTES**

Once your license is submitted to the County, **I and Tie The Knot Ceremonies has no access to the documents.** If you have pre-ordered them and have not received them after 8 weeks, please **do not contact Tie The Knot Ceremonies.** First, contact the county clerk's office that issued the license to check the status. (Their phone numbers are listed on my website under "License Info" in the "Fees & Services" tab). For LA County, call (562) 462-2189.

The county will ask you for your marriage license number. This can be found on line 25E of your customer copy, if provided, or on the unofficial copy I sent to you after the ceremony.

If the county needs the officiant and/or the notary to make corrections with a duplicate or amendment, I will do my best to guide you thru this process. If there are any other issues, I will quickly help you resolve them to the best of my ability.