

Responsibilities of the Marriage Officiant

Once the one-day marriage officiant license is granted, the officiant may solemnize the couple's marriage anywhere in NYS during the period of time the couple's marriage license is in effect. It is the couple's responsibility to present their marriage license to the officiant. After the religious service or ceremony, it is the officiant's responsibility to ensure that the officiant and witness portions of the license are properly completed and accurate. Please look over the license, confirm that the information is accurate, and complete the officiant sections which include sections: 26, 27, 28 and 29 and be sure in section 28 c. you specify the "correct" city, town or village in which the ceremony took place! Once completed and reviewed, the officiant must file the completed marriage license with the town clerk within five (5) days of the ceremony.

You may drop it off or mail to: New Bremen Town Clerk
8420 State Rte. 812
Lowville, NY 13367

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) does not have the authority to advise you whether or not an individual or organization qualifies to perform a marriage in New York State. This is a requirement of Article 3, Section 11 of New York State Domestic Relations Law and not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health. If you have questions, you may wish to consult an attorney familiar with New York State Domestic Relations Law and marriage case law.