



## Memo

**To:** General Public

**From:** Director of Health & Social Services

**RE:** New 48-hr Waiting Period for Certified Marriage Certificates effective November 4, 2024

Effective November 4, 2024, there will be a mandatory 48-hour waiting period for obtaining a certified marriage certificate after the submission of a marriage license. This change aligns with a recent recommendation from the Connecticut State Department of Public Health and is intended to improve the processing and verification of marriage records. To order your certified marriage certificate on-line please visit:

<https://www.vitalchek.com/v/marriage-certificate> and follow instructions to order your certified copy.

We advise couples planning to marry to take this waiting period into consideration for their arrangements. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure accuracy and security in vital records.

Thank you for your attention to this important update.

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