

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3.902-5/10*

IN RE: **PREMARITAL PREPARATION COURSE**
AND MOTIONS TO WAIVE DELAY OF
MARRIAGE LICENSE'S EFFECTIVE DATE

Florida Statutes Section 741.0305 permits reduction of a marriage license application fee upon completion of a premarital preparation course **and authorizes a judicial circuit to designate certain providers to offer such courses**. The effective date of a marriage license is delayed three days **for Florida residents** if the couple has not submitted valid certificates of completion of a premarital preparation course. A county court judge is authorized to waive the delayed effective date for good cause, under Florida Statutes Section 741.04(3). Most couples applying to waive the effective date do so without benefit of counsel, and may be unaware of the proper form in which such requests should be made. It will promote efficiency and fairness if a standard form is made available to request that the delay be waived.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. **PREMARITAL PREPARATION COURSE:**

- a. **A Premarital Preparation Course shall be established within the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and maintained by the Administrative Office of the Court. The Clerk of Court shall make the roster available to all parties requesting a marriage license.**
- b. **Instructors shall be eligible to provide the premarital preparation course under Chapter 741 of the Florida Statutes if they fall within one of the categories set forth in the Chapter, to wit:**
 - 1) **A psychologist licensed under chapter 490;**
 - 2) **A clinical social worker licensed under chapter 491;**
 - 3) **A marriage and family therapist licensed under chapter 491;**
 - 4) **A mental health counselor licensed under chapter 491;**
 - 5) **An official representative of a religious institution which is recognized under s. 496.404(20), F.S., if the representative has relevant training;**
 - 6) **A school counselor certified to offer premarital preparation courses.**

- c. All area course providers wishing to be added to the roster for this circuit shall complete and submit the registration form, which shall be available from the Administrative Office of the Court. The Administrative Office of the Court shall be responsible for generating and maintaining the roster of area course providers, and for providing the roster to the Clerk.

2. **MOTIONS TO WAIVE DELAY OF EFFECTIVE DATE:**

The Clerk of Court shall make the form, attached as Exhibit A, available to all parties requesting that the delayed effective date of their marriage license be waived.

4 **DONE and SIGNED**, in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this day of May, 2010.



Peter D. Blanc, Chief Judge

*supersedes admin. order 3.902-9/08

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In Re: The Marriage License of

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MOTION FOR WAIVER OF DELAY OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARRIAGE LICENSE

The undersigned bride and groom request this Honorable Court to grant an exception to the delay of the effective date of the marriage license, and allege the following:

1. The undersigned bride and groom are both residents of the State of Florida.
2. The undersigned have not attended or completed a premarital preparation course for the following reason(s): _____. The undersigned cannot wait for the marriage ceremony to be delayed three (3) days from the date of application of the marriage license for the following reason(s): _____

3. The undersigned submit the reason(s) set forth above constitutes hardship and good cause for waiver of the delayed effective date of the marriage license.

Sworn and submitted this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Bride's Signature

Groom's Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by _____ (name of groom) and _____ (name of bride), who are either personally known to me OR who produced identification (Type of Identification Produced _____).

Signature of Notary Public or Deputy Clerk

(Print, type, or stamp name of deputy clerk or commissioned name of notary public)

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ORDER

This matter came before the Court on the Motion of the applicants to the marriage license as set forth above. The Court having reviewed the Motion and being fully advised in the premises, the Motion is hereby:

- () Granted. The reasons set forth in the motion constitute good cause for the waiver of the delayed effective date of the marriage license. Any marriage license issued to these applicants shall become effective immediately.
- () Denied. The reasons set forth in the motion do not constitute good cause for the waiver of the delayed effective date of the marriage license. Any marriage license issued to these applicants shall be delayed three (3) days from the date of application.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Signature of Presiding Judge)