Fact Sheet – Domestic Status

**Marriage** is an established legal union for either same or opposite sex couples that require a license.

**Civil union** is an established legal union for same sex couples that require a license.

**Application for License**
- In State residents - Apply in the local municipality where either applicant resides (proof required)
- Out of State residents - Apply in the municipality where the ceremony will be held
- Ceremony outside of NJ - Comply with the laws of that State, territory or Country

**Application Requirements**
- Proof of identity in the form of current, valid, government issued (not necessarily U.S. government) photo identification.
- Be at least 18 years of age
- SSN – For all US citizens
- A witness 18 years of age or older
- A fee of $28.00 – due at the time of application

**The License**
- Issued to applicant or designee after the mandatory 72 hour waiting period lapses or a waiver obtained
- Calculate the expiration date
  - 30 days from the date of issuance including weekends and holidays
  For example: If a license is issued on December 4th at 2PM, then December 5th at 2PM is day 1.
- Printed and signed names of licensing registrar must match

**Consent of Parents or Guardian to Marriage or Civil Union of a Minor**
- Not permitted based on June 2018 law.

Individuals who wish to establish a legal union in NJ are permitted to do so with a first cousin but are prohibited in doing so with a relative of either half or whole blood for any relationship such as:
- Any ancestor or descendant
- Sibling
- Biological child
- Niece or Nephew
- Mother
- Father

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**Domestic partnership** is a registered event, not a licensed event, for couples who are same or opposite sex, both 62 years of age or older. Couples complete REG 71 and REG 72 in the municipality of their choosing.

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