

# NHVRIN Same Gender Marriage

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## **IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY & SCOPE**

The project will be divided into Phase I, Phase II and Phase III with implementation dates by October 1, 2009; January 1, 2010; January 1, 2011 respectively.

### ***Phase I – October 1, 2009***

The scope of Phase I will include the following business objectives.

- Town clerks and the Division of Vital Record staff need the capability through the NHVRIN's Marriage module to process new marriage applications for same gender couples.
- The updated "Marriage License Test Copy" and a "Marriage License" and certificated copy of the "Marriage Certificate" output must be generated.
- The Valid date on the marriage license for the same gender couple must not be before 1/1/2010.
- The system must allow a same gender couple with a current civil union license to obtain a marriage license.
- For new Civil Union licenses the Expiration Date must never be greater than 12/31/2009.

### ***Phase II – January 1, 2010***

The scope of Phase II will include the following business objectives.

- Town clerks and the Division of Vital Record staff need the capability through the NHVRIN's Marriage module to record (add Officiant data and make corrections), complete and print certified copies of the "new" marriage certificate for same gender couples.
- Provide record update capability for all new fields that were added to the marriage table.
- Prohibit the creation of new civil union licenses in the Civil Union module after 12/31/2009.
- Allow parties to a valid N.H. Civil Union to apply for and obtain legal status of marriage at no cost.
- Update other NHVRIN modules affected by the changes in Phase I and Phase II per DVRA's requirements. (TBD).

### ***Phase III – January 1, 2011***

The scope of Phase III will include the following business objectives.

- Convert all N.H. Civil Unions that have not been dissolved or annulled by the parties or merged into marriage by 1/1/2011 to a marriage.