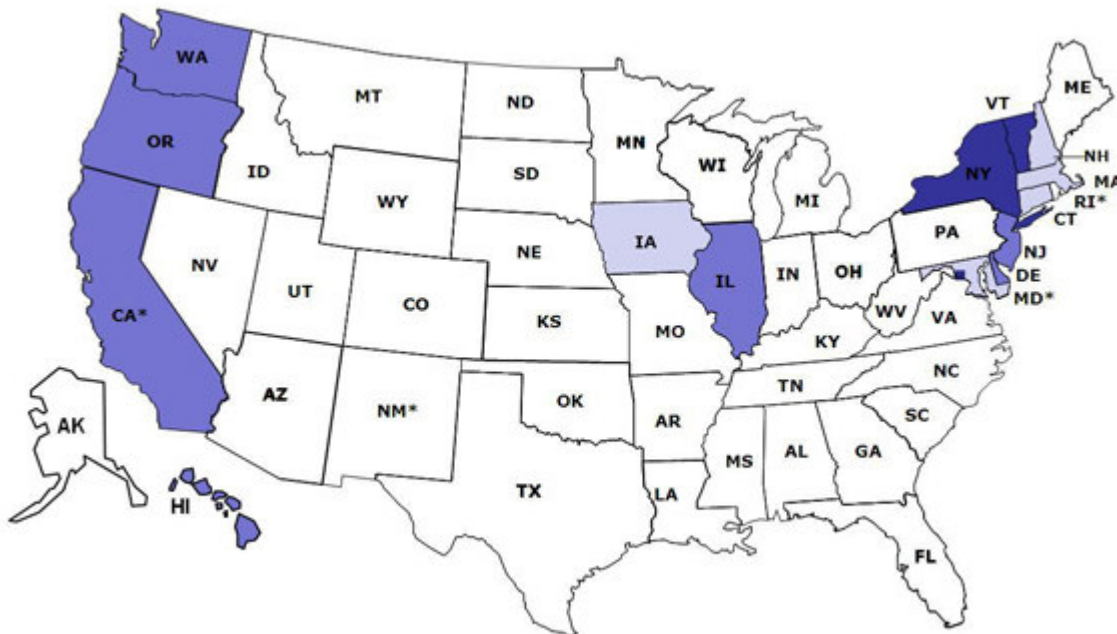




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Interstate Relationship Recognition



State recognizes out-of-jurisdiction marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples as valid marriages and recognizes out-of-jurisdiction registered civil unions or domestic partnerships as valid civil unions or domestic partnership (2 states and D.C.): *New York**, *Vermont* and *Washington, D.C.*



State recognizes out-of-jurisdiction marriages and civil unions or domestic partnerships as a valid civil union or domestic partnership (7 states): *California**, *Delaware*, *Hawaii*, *Illinois*, *New Jersey*, *Oregon** and *Washington*.



State recognizes out-of-jurisdiction marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples as valid marriages, but will not recognize other forms of relationship recognition (5 states): *Connecticut*, *Iowa*, *Maryland*, *Massachusetts*, and *New Hampshire*

* California: On October 12, 2009, Gov. Schwarzenegger signed into law a bill that recognizes same-sex marriages from out-of-jurisdiction that occurred before November 2008 as valid marriages in California, and all other out-of-jurisdiction same-sex marriages as valid domestic partnerships.

* Rhode Island: In Feb 2007, the Rhode Island Attorney General issued an advisory opinion declaring that the state can recognize out-of-jurisdiction marriages. However, in Dec. 2007 the Rhode Island Supreme Court refused to grant a divorce to a same-sex couple legally married in Massachusetts.

*New York: State courts have recognized out-of-jurisdiction civil unions and domestic partnerships in limited circumstances such as child custody decisions.

*Oregon: Nothing prohibits recognition of out-of-jurisdiction relationships as a valid domestic partnership, but it is unclear to what extent the state has been asked to recognize out-of-jurisdiction relationships.

**In order to be eligible for benefits and protections extended by the state, couples must re-register with the state regardless of their relationship status elsewhere (5 states) Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, and Wisconsin.