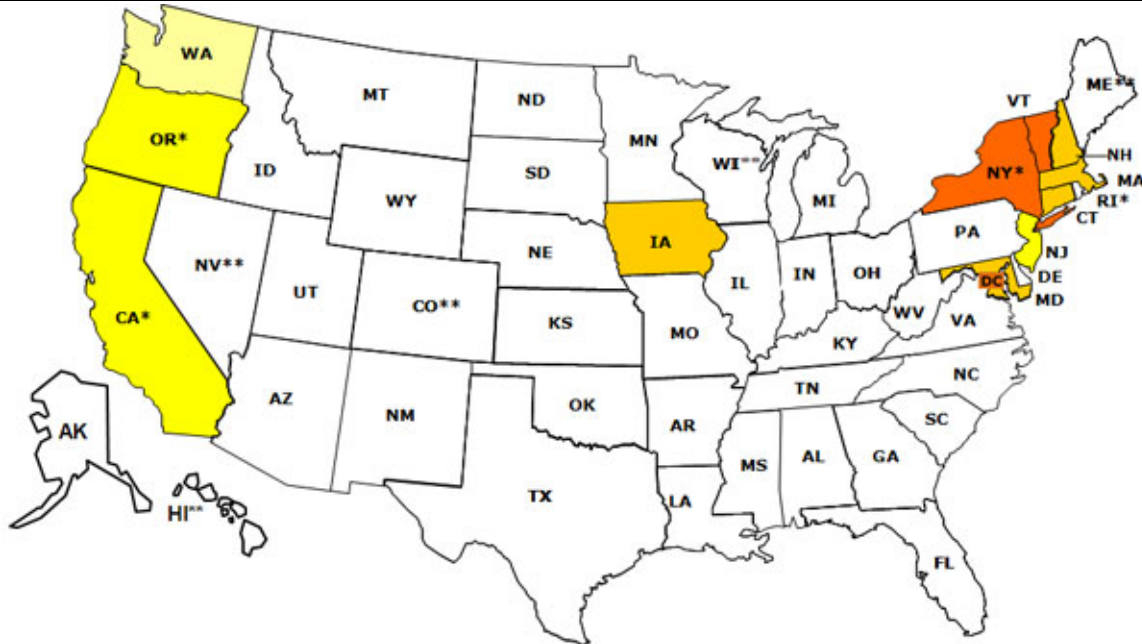


Interstate Relationship Recognition



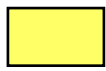
State recognizes out-of-jurisdiction marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples as valid marriages and recognizes out-of-jurisdiction registered civil unions or domestic partnerships as valid civil unions or domestic partnership (2 states and D.C.) *New York**, *Vermont*, and *Washington, D.C.*



State recognizes out-of-jurisdiction 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*.



State recognizes out-of-jurisdiction marriages and civil unions or domestic partnerships as a valid civil union or domestic partnership (3 states) *California**, *New Jersey*, *Oregon**.



State recognizes out-of-jurisdiction civil union or domestic partnership as a valid civil union or domestic partnership (1 state) *Washington*.

* 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.