



WATERCOOLER CHAT

A MONTHLY OVSR BULLETIN



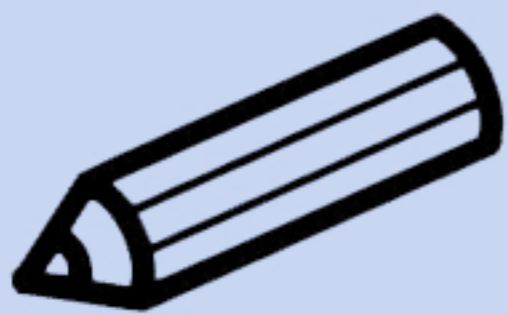
FIRST EDITION

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Watercooler Chat: a monthly NJ OVSR bulletin'! This newsletter is born out of our commitment to keeping local registrars informed and up-to-date on any changes at the state level. Our goal is to keep your office in the know when it comes to topics like: staffing changes, new State policies and regulations, upcoming in-person credit opportunities, and more. This and all future editions will be available on the New Jersey Office of Vital Statistics (OVSR) website for active Local Office employees.



A QUIET DECEMBER

You may have noticed that December was a slow month for webinar-based credit opportunities. The OVSR decided to pour all available outreach resources into retooling our Initial Certified Municipal Registrar course. In addition, we are putting considerable effort into creating and offering new and thoughtful credit opportunities that will engage registrars of all experience levels. As always you are encouraged to share any feedback you have. If the lack of credits in December has affected your CMR status negatively and you are reaching the end of your CMR cycle reach out, to Vincent Caffarello to discuss your options. Otherwise, keep an eye out for our new webinars that will be offered starting this month.



INITIAL CMR CHANGES

We are excitedly finishing the testing phase of the New Initial CMR. We have moved away from the ridged structure of previous Initial CMR courses and are allowing registrars to take it more on their own time. The new program consists of 6 webinars: INTRO 01, INTRO 02, VIP 101, EDRS 101, CERTIFIED 101, and MARRIAGE 101. These courses will be offered monthly and can be completed over a period that best suits your schedule. The registration process is the same as any of our other webinar offerings. The CMR program webinars can also be taken by anyone who already holds a CMR for one recertification credit—Just like any other webinar! Webinar registration and an Initial CMR Guide can be found at: NJ.gov/health/vital



STAFFING CHANGES

Vladimir Samokval is the new point of contact for marriage questions. Claudette Marshall is now the Record Modification Intake Coordinator for the Front Street location. Customers, by appointment only, can meet with her to coordinate the acceptance of a modification application. This will allow customers to bypass the time associated with mailing in applications. The request is still sent to the OVSR for processing and acceptance and takes an approximate 4-6 weeks to be completed. ***This is NOT a same day expedited service.***