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YOU'RE MARRIED!!

**We made it! Now on
to changing that
name over...**

From Births, Deaths and Marriages

Changing your name through marriage

Many people choose to use their spouse's family name once they are married—it's a custom and not the law.

If you were married in Australia, you don't need to apply formally for a change of name with Births, Deaths and Marriages. Usually personal documentation, such as your drivers license and passport, can be changed to your married name when you provide a standard marriage certificate.

Apply to get a standard marriage certificate if you need a certificate from the state you were married in.

From Births, Deaths and Marriages

How to change your name through marriage

If you choose to change your name when you get married, you'll need to tell various government agencies, banks, utility suppliers and other businesses your new married name.

You may be asked to:

- send a letter or email
- complete a change request form (online or one they send out to you)
- visit an office in person.

Organisations will also have different requirements on what proof they need, some may want:

- to see your standard marriage certificate
- a certified photocopy of your standard marriage certificate for your account file with them
- evidence of updated photo ID
- a combination of identity documents.

Name Change Tips

The first step should be to order your marriage certificate from Births, Deaths and Marriages first. Some government departments and financial institutions may insist on your BDM certificate, not the ceremonial certificate issued on the day of your wedding.

Next, get photo ID in your new name as soon as possible. Some companies accept updated photo ID as proof of name change.

Take some photocopies of your photo ID under your old name before changing. Driver licenses often need to be surrendered, so it can help to have a copy should you ever need to prove your old name.

Set aside a day to get all your name change notifications done at once. Name changes that drag out can occupy a lot of head space and cause problems if you need to prove your identity.

Set a deadline for your name change. Aim to get all your accounts, memberships and paperwork into your new name within a month of starting.

The Checklist

A comprehensive list of all the places/organisations you will need to contact to change your name-

Proof of name-

Marriage Certificate from BDM

Government-

Driver's license

Car registration

Passport

Electoral roll

Australian Taxation Office

Medicare

Council (for property owners)

Centrelink

Utilities/Communications

Electricity provider

Gas provider

Water provider

Home phone account

Mobile phone account

Internet

Pay TV

The Checklist

Finance-

Bank accounts
Credit Cards
Store Cards
Investment accounts
Mortgage
Personal loans
Share holdings

Insurance-

Home / contents insurance
Car insurance
Health insurance
Life insurance
Income protection insurance

Memberships

Library memberships
Gym membership
Subscriptions
Frequent Flyer membership
Loyalty programs (eg FlyBuys)
Professional memberships
Sporting associations

The Checklist

Health

Doctor

Dentist

Optometrist

Ambulance subscription

Specialists

Employment & Education

Your employer

Australian Business Registrar (if you are a company director)

Superannuation funds

Alumni organisations

Your children's school

Social

Email address

Facebook

Instagram

Twitter

LinkedIn

Snapchat

YouTube

TikTok

The Checklist

Other

Your will

Real estate agent (if renting)

Lawyer / Solicitor

Accountant

Toll accounts

eBay & PayPal

Australian Organ Donor Register

Vet

Pet microchip company

Voicemail

And probably many many more...

Best of luck and once again congratulations!!

-Toni xx

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