

Miss to Mrs

Changing your name after marriage



All steps to change your name from Miss to Mrs begins with you obtaining a Certified copy of your Marriage Certificate. Your Officiant will take the signed copy with them after the ceremony. They will deliver it or mail it to the Town Hall where you obtained it. Within a week after your ceremony you should be able to pick up a certified copy. **ALWAYS KEEP A CERTIFIED COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS!**



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION The name on your tax returns must match the name registered with the Social Security Administration. Request form SS-5 from the Social Security Administration or download the PDF.



DRIVER'S LICENSE Change your name on your driver's license, car registration and title, so there's no confusion when it comes to insurance matters or vehicle ownership. Visit your local DMV or RMV with a certified copy of your marriage certificate, as well as your new Social Security card.



PASSPORT Just because the honeymoon's over doesn't mean you can't start planning another trip with your mate. Before you travel abroad, you'll want to be sure the name on your passport matches your other forms of ID. Visit Travel.State.Gov to download form DS 82. Simply fill it out, include all necessary documentation (including a certified copy of your marriage certificate) and send it in to request a new passport. If your passport has been issued within the past year, you can update your name for free by filling out Form DS-5504, and mailing it in with your current passport and a certified copy of your marriage certificate. If your passport is more than a year old, you will be charged the adult renewal fee of \$30, and must use Form DS_82.



EMPLOYER Your employer needs to know your full legal name for tax, insurance and pension purposes. Contact your HR department to inform them of your name change.



BANK Few things are more important than your bank account, and there will undoubtedly be times you will need to identify yourself, such as when opening a new account or investment portfolio. Contact your bank as soon as possible after your marriage to inform them of your name change, so the name on your accounts matches the name on your ID.



CREDIT CARDS Don't risk having your credit cards blocked or rendered unusable. After you've updated your driver's license and bank account with your new name, call your credit card agency and request the forms you need to change your name. Some companies allow you to do this online if you upload a copy of your marriage certificate.



MORTGAGE BROKER OR LANDLORD Likewise, the last thing you want to deal with is a problem with your mortgage or rent. Inform the appropriate organization of your new name in writing within a month of your marriage



RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENT FUNDS To ensure smooth handling of your retirement or investment fund, contact the customer service department and ask them to send you a form to update your personal details.