



# The new bride's guide to changing her name

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- Marriage License*  
This is the most necessary step, because you won't be able to change your name at all without this document.
- Driver's License*  
You'll have to take your marriage license and current driver's license to the DMV to get a new one issued with your new name.
- Social Security Card*  
The Social Security Administration has specific requirements for issuing a new card – you'll need a new application, proof of citizenship, legal name change, proof of identity, and proof of your old name. Visit their website for examples of accepted documentation.
- Your company's Human Resources Department*  
Your employer reports your Social Security payments so you need to make sure to take this step immediately following your name change with Social Security.
- Passport*  
The requirements vary whether you received your passport within a year of marriage or more than a year. Here's what you'll need:  
Within a year: This information can be found at the U.S. Department of State's website and you need to fill out a Name Change, Data Correction, and Limited Passport Book Replacement Form: DS-5504 and send in with two Passport photos, a certified copy of your marriage certificate, and your old passport.  
More than a year: You'll need to apply for a new passport and pay \$60 for it.
- Miscellaneous*  
Online accounts, credit cards, bank and brokerage accounts, 401(k): Basically, anything you can think of that has your old name on it!