

Changing Your *Name* After *Marriage*

The “I do’s” have been said, the celebrations have been had, and your Marriage Certificate has landed on your doorstep. If you're planning on changing your name after the big day, you might be a bit overwhelmed. Fear not; our helpful guide is here*!

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- ✓ Obtain a copy of your marriage certificate
  Your ceremony fee includes 1 certificate. Your certificates will then be posted out within 7 working days of your ceremony.
- ✓ Inform the relevant government departments (e.g. DVLA and HRMC)
- ✓ Tell your Bank and Building Societies
- ✓ Tell your employer
- ✓ Inform your landlord or mortgage provider.
- ✓ Update your utilities and other services
- ✓ Inform your GP/Dentist
- ✓ Update your passport
  Remember that your tickets/insurance must match the name of your passport

Following your ceremony, your Registrar will register your marriage on the online register within 7 working days. Your Marriage Certificate is a certified copy of this entry.

Your Marriage Certificate will show the name that you contracted your marriage in, so if you are changing your name, please don’t be alarmed that your Marriage Certificate shows your “old name”.

Your Marriage Certificate will allow you to take your partner’s surname (or vice versa), it will also allow you to double-barrel your surname too.

You will need to send a copy of your Marriage Certificate to all the relevant authorities (such as the DVLA, the Home Office, your bank, insurance companies etc).

It’s important to remember that different authorities will have wait times to process a name change and issue you with your new documentation, so it might be worth ordering a couple of copies of your Marriage certificate to speed up the Process.

After your ceremony, you can order duplicate certificates here.

*Please note that this is a guide only. It is your responsibility to check that you have informed all the relevant agencies of your name change.