



stress free guide
for changing your last name



*I know it sounds
daunting. Trust
me, it took me 5
months to sit
down and do it.
But I promise it
won't be as
stressful as you
think!*

*Here are the
steps laid out for
you!*





1. *Get your marriage license: Post wedding, send in your signed marriage license (bride/groom/2 witnesses/officiant signatures required) and about a month later they will send you an official copy of your marriage license. If you lose it like I did, it's \$30 to get a copy. :)*

2. *Change your SSN card: fill out the application for social security card (<https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>) and bring this to your local social security office as well as your marriage license and drivers license. It will take about 10 days for you to get this card mailed back to you.*

**tip: if you're in phoenix, the social security office is located on the west side of the building and is on the second floor! Don't make my mistake and wait in the wrong line just to have to wait in another line. :)*



3. *Change your license at your local DMV. Once you get your new SSN card, bring this as well as your current drivers license, and marriage certificate to your DMV. They will have you fill out a form for a new drivers license, it doesn't take too long but you can try and do this online beforehand. I suggest bringing some headphones, I waited an hour to be seen. :)*

4. Change your name on bank accounts by going in with your new SSN card, drivers license and marriage certificate. If you haven't already opened up a new account with your husband/wife and plan on doing so, you can just create the new account with your new name. If you have already done so or don't plan on doing so you'll just need to change your name on your accounts. They will send you new cards with your update name in the mail.



5. Change anything else that has your name tied to it, such as your post office info, payroll at work, medical/car insurance, car title, utilities companies, mortgage, schools, etc.

AND THATS IT! You're done and now you share the same last name as your husband/wife, YAY!