



Checklist for Legal Name Change After Marriage in Virginia

If you are living in Virginia and have recently married, here is a checklist of common places where you may need to update your name after legally changing it. Be sure to bring your certified marriage certificate, updated identification, and any other documents requested by the institution.

- ☐ Social Security Administration – Update your name on your Social Security card
- ☐ Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) – Update your driver's license, state ID, and vehicle registration.
- ☐ U.S. Passport – Apply for a passport name change through the U.S. State Department.
- ☐ Voter Registration – Update your voter registration information in Virginia.
- ☐ Employer/Human Resources – Update payroll, tax forms, and benefits (health, retirement, etc.).
- ☐ IRS – Update your name on tax records (usually updated automatically after Social Security, but verify).
- ☐ Banks and Credit Unions – Update checking, savings, credit cards, and loans.
- ☐ Mortgage and Lease Agreements – Update your name on property and housing records.
- ☐ Utilities – Update electric, gas, water, internet, and cable accounts.
- ☐ Insurance Providers – Update auto, home, health, and life insurance policies.
- ☐ Medical Providers – Update your name with doctors, dentists, and pharmacies.
- ☐ Professional Licenses – Update with the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) or other relevant boards.
- ☐ Schools/Universities – Update with current or former institutions if applicable.



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- ☐ Financial Accounts – Update retirement accounts, investment firms, and brokerage accounts.
- ☐ Credit Reporting Agencies – Update Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.
- ☐ Memberships and Subscriptions – Update gyms, clubs, magazines, and online accounts.
- ☐ U.S. Postal Service – File a name change and address forwarding if needed.
- ☐ Attorney/Legal Records – Update wills, trusts, and power of attorney documents.
- ☐ Child's School/Daycare – Update records if applicable.

Documents Needed for Legal Name Change After Marriage in Virginia

When going through the process of changing your name after marriage in Virginia, you will need to have several key documents ready. Below is a list of the most commonly required documents. Always bring original or certified copies, as some institutions may not accept photocopies.

- ☐ Certified Marriage Certificate – Issued by the Virginia Circuit Court where your marriage was recorded.
- ☐ Current Driver's License or State ID – For updating at the Virginia DMV and other agencies.
- ☐ Social Security Card – You will need your current card and must apply for a new one with your updated name.
- ☐ U.S. Passport – Bring your current passport to update with your new name.
- ☐ Birth Certificate – Some agencies may require proof of birth in addition to your marriage certificate.
- ☐ Proof of Residence – Such as a utility bill, lease agreement, or mortgage statement (for DMV and voter registration).
- ☐ Employer Documents – Pay stubs or HR forms for payroll and benefits changes.



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- ☐ Financial Documents – Bank account information, checks, and credit cards for updating accounts.
- ☐ Insurance Policy Documents – Auto, health, home, and life insurance policies.
- ☐ Professional Licenses – State-issued licenses that require official documentation for name updates.
- ☐ Court Orders or Legal Documents – If applicable, such as prior name changes or divorce decrees.

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