



How to Change Your Name

Changing your name on the Marriage License (Lines 30A-31C) only changes your name legally. It **DOES NOT** change your name on DMV records, Social Security, Passport, Health Benefits, Insurance or other legal documents. These must be done individually and require a Certified Copy.

Once you receive the certified copy(ies) from the county clerk's office you can then start the name change process.

For Social Security and DMV name changes:

You must **first** go to Social Security (SSA) and **then** to the **DMV** and other agencies. See below for further instructions.

- To change your name at SSA:
 - You must print and fill out an Application for a Social Security Card. The application may be found at: <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>
 - Take your application and documents to your local Social Security office.
 - You must show the required documents:
 - **Original** Recorded Marriage Certificate (Certified Copy)
 - Current form of ID: *a U.S. State ID, U.S. Driver's License, OR U.S. Passport.*
 - Please also note: If you have not already established U.S. citizenship with SSA, you will need to show proof of this; SSA will accept the following as proof of citizenship: **original U.S. birth certificate OR U.S. passport.**
- To change your name on your driver's license or ID you will need to visit your local **DMV** office and:
 - Complete a Driver License or ID card Application (Form DL 44).
 - Get the form in person at the DMV or have it mailed to you by calling (800) 777-0133.
 - Provide your **original** Recorded Marriage Certificate (Certified Copy) as your proof of name change.
 - Surrender your old CA driver's license or ID.
 - You will also need to pay a fee of \$27 or \$29.
- To change your name on other agency records:
 - Contact those agencies directly to see what their name change requirements are. Don't wait too long, as many agencies have a 10-30 day window.