

Changing your name in WI with a marriage certificate

(Can only be done if you are taking your spouses last name. If you are both creating a new one or “mashing” your names together, you must do a legal name change.)

1.) Get a marriage certificate. Apply for marriage licenses after you have set your wedding date and complete the application between seven and 30 days beforehand. Apply with the county clerk of court. The officiator of your wedding will send the signed license in to be recorded, after which you will receive a marriage certificate.

(\$20 + \$3 per Additional Copy. 1-7 days in person or up to 3 weeks by mail)

2.) Change your name with the Social Security Administration. Complete the SS-5 form. Gather certified copies: 1 from column A, 1 from column B, & 1 from column C. Bring the completed SS-5 form and certified copies to the SSA office.

A	B (showing old name)	C (showing old name)
Marriage Certificate	WI Driver's License WI State ID US Passport	US Birth Certificate US Citizenship Certificate Work Authorization & I-94

- You can also apply by mail by mailing your documents to your local SSA office along with the SS-5 form; your documents will be mailed back to you.
- You will receive your documents and new social security card with your new name by mail.

(No Charge. 2-6 weeks. Card Must be mailed)

3.) Change your name on your driver's license or state ID. Provide a current Wisconsin driver's license (with photo), a non-expired U.S. passport, or your Social Security card to your local DMV office along with a completed MV3001 form (MV3004 for state ID). Also, provide proof of your name change, such as your marriage certificate (original/certified copy).

(You will have to surrender your current driver's license with your old name, and pay a fee of \$14 for a driver's license or \$16 for a state ID. Card or Temp ID will be given on the spot.)

4.) Change name with everyone else once you have your Social Security Card & ID.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> US Post Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities like gas, electric, phone, cable, internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your Employer | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctors, Dentists, Therapists, & Consolers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRS & Dept. of Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> Will, Health Proxy, & Power of Attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unions & Professional Organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal & Professional Websites, Emails, Business Cards, etc | <input type="checkbox"/> Yours or Childs School Directory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Accounts, Checks & Debit Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare, Government Aid or Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savings, CD's & Money Markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Book, Catalog, & Other Paper Subscriptions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Cards, Mortgages, & Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Netflix, Amazon, & Other Online Subscriptions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Titles, Deeds, & Trusts | <input type="checkbox"/> Memberships: Gym, Grocery Stores, Dept. Stores |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Accounts, IRA's, 401K's | <input type="checkbox"/> Rewards Programs: Airline Milage, InBox Dollars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowners, Renters, Auto, & Health Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft or Apple Accounts, iTunes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord, HOA, or Property Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Charge Accounts like PayPal or any other accounts where your new name on your Debit/Credit card, must match the name on the account. |

Forms Needed for WI Residents

Before the Wedding:

Proofs of Identity. Make sure you have or obtain a State Issued Photo ID & Certified Birth Certificate at least 2 months before the wedding. You will need them for the Marriage License. You will also need to prove residency, so make sure your name is on a lease or utility bill a few months prior to the wedding.

Marriage License Must be applied for 7-30 days before the wedding. You can not become legally married without an approved application. Application can take up to 7 days (5 business days) to be approved & are only good for 30 days. Both of you must go in person. You will need: State Issued Photo ID, Certified Birth Certificate, Social Security Number (not the card), **AND** Proof of Residence (if your current address is on your ID, that will work. If not bring a utility bill or lease/mortgage). If you have been married before, you will also need to bring your divorce papers or death certificate. You will need to go to your country clerks office to fill out the application. Again, you must apply unperson **TOGETHER**. The application is between \$90-\$150 depending on the county.

After the Wedding:

*Some of the form will say "Change of Address". These are the same forms you use for name changes as well. If you are not moving after the Wedding, put your current address in both the "old Address" & "New Address". Incomplete forms can be returned.

WI Marriage Certificate Application:	F-05281	PDF Here	\$20 + \$3/copy
Social Security Card Name Change	SS-5	PDF Here	No Charge
Name Change WI Driver's License	MV3001	PDF Here	\$34
*Don't forget to change Motorcycle \$22 and/or CDL \$74+ as well			
Name Change WI State ID	MV3004	PDF Here	\$28
IRS Name Change	Form 8822	PDF Here	No Charge
WI Dept. of Revenue	P-706	PDF Here	No Charge
Passport Name Change	DS-5504	PDF Here	No Charge
Employee's Withholding (For your Employer)	W-4	PDF Here	No Charge

*Must fill out & submit in the year you will get married

The cost for Marriage Papers & Name Change are about \$185-\$300+.

Most Couples forget this cost when doing their wedding budget!