

# Name Change Checklist

Congratulations you got married! Now to decide what name you will be known by!

You can change your name straight away and be known by association without changing any documents – so Get those social media accounts etc changed straight away!!

However,

Once you receive your official marriage certificate from Births Deaths and Marriages one or both of you can change your name officially if you wish to. I am arranging your Certificate to be sent out to you, so you don't need to apply for one separately.

The following name change options are available to either spouse after marriage and can be done by using your Official Marriage Certificate from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages:

- The most common option is for one party to drop their current surname and take on their spouse's one.
- You could Double barrel both surnames using either a hyphen or a space. Names in either order
- Keep your current surname and make no changes at all!

If you chose one of the following options you would need to do a Legal Name Change with your states BDM office.

- Choose a totally different surname for both of you
- Blend both surnames together to create a new name – think along the lines of Brangelina!
- Move your maiden name to become a legal middle name and use your spouse surname

For more information about name change by marriage or legal name change you should contact your states BDM website of office

QLD : <https://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-marriages-registries>

NSW <https://www.nsw.gov.au/family-and-relationships/name-changes-and-corrections/change-of-name>

To make life a little easier on the following page is a checklist to all the things you may need to change you name on/with.

Yes it can be a timely process and you may have to visit places in person, along with providing your marriage certificate or a Certified copy of it – so research each places procedure first.

My advice is to change a Photo ID first as soon as possible (Driver's License or Proof of Age card) as some companies may accept this as sufficient evidence.

There are companies that offer a quick solution to assist you Easy Name Change packages start from just \$35 <https://www.easynamechange.com/au/> depending on your package they can look after everything for you!

I hope this all helps and Happy Name Changing!

*Celebrate with Lucy - Authorised Marriage and Civil Celebrant*



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PRIORITISE THESE

- Passport*
- Drivers Licence*
- Bank Accounts*
- Credit & Debit Cards*
- Employer*
- Superannuation*
- Australian Tax Office*

HOUSE & CAR

- Car Rego*
- Car Insurance*
- Car Breakdown Service*
- Toll Account*
- Mortgage Provider*
- Landlord / Agency*
- Electricity & Gas Provider*
- Home & Mobile Phone provider*
- Local Council*
- Internet and Pay TV provider*

MIND, BODY & SOUL

- Medicare*
- Health Insurance*
- Life Insurance*
- Doctors*
- Dentist*
- Health Care Providers*
- Sports Clubs*
- Gym*

PETS & KIDS

- Pet Registration*
- Pet microchip details*
- Vets*
- School*
- Child-care Providers*
- Activities, sports, classes*

OTHER BITS & BOBS

- Investments & Shares*
- Loyalty Cards & Clubs*
- Social Clubs*
- Library*
- Professional Associations*
- Email Address*
- Business Name Registrations*
- Electoral roll*
- On-line Shopping Account*
- Voicemail*
- Will*
- Store Cards*
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