Changing Your Name?

Nevada allows you to designate a new married name on your marriage documents, but you still need to take all the following steps to legally change your name.

1 GET MARRIED
You must have a marriage ceremony in the state of Nevada conducted by a licensed Marriage Officiant.

2 OBTAIN CERTIFIED PROOF OF MARRIAGE
After your ceremony, your Officiant has 10 calendar days to file your Marriage Certificate with our office. Once filed, obtain a certified copy for your records (go to MLIC.Vegas) as it will be necessary to legally change your name.

3 CHANGE YOUR NAME LEGALLY
Gather all the documents that show your complete history of name changes from birth forward including previous marriages, divorces, court orders, etc. Once you have all of your necessary documents, do the following in order:

   a) SOCIAL SECURITY - You must first notify the Social Security Administration of your name change if you have a U.S. Social Security Number.
      • U.S. citizens must present the Marriage Certificate and a U.S. Driver’s License/ID card or a U.S. passport
      • Social Security accepts some alternate ID documents and may ask for additional documentation
      • Noncitizens must present the Marriage Certificate, proof of immigration status and proof of work eligibility
      • For more information, visit ssa.gov or call (800) 772-1213

   b) DRIVER’S LICENSE - After changing your name with Social Security, wait two business days for your records to be updated so that DMV may verify your name electronically. Nevada requirements are listed here; other states are similar. For more information visit dmvnv.com/realid or call (702) 486-4368.
      • Existing Real ID or Standard License: You must present your current license or ID, certified Marriage Certificate and Social Security Card with your new name
      • First-time Real ID Applicants: You must present your certified Marriage Certificate, Social Security Card with your new name, U.S. birth certificate or passport or immigration documents, and two documents to prove your residential address

   c) U.S. PASSPORT - If you have a passport or will be applying for one, make sure you change your name on your Social Security Card and Driver’s License first.
      • In most cases, a certified Marriage Certificate and government-issued ID in the new married name will be sufficient, but additional documentation may be required
      • For more information, visit travel.state.gov or call (877) 487-2778

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