

Destination Wedding Name-Change Tips



Understand the name-change process before you get started. You will need to file for a name change with the Social Security Office, State Driver's License Office, State Department, IRS, USPS and Voter Registration Bureau. Depending on your state of residence, there is a specific order in which to file your forms.

Research your home state's name-change laws. You may need to sign your marriage certificate in a certain way to ensure that your married name appears the exact way that you want it on all of your state and U.S. government IDs.

The State Department will take 4-6 weeks to issue a new passport with your married name, so book all of your travel and hotel reservations in your maiden name to avoid any mishaps!

Once you've selected your fabulous wedding destination, make a quick call to the Social Security Office at 800.772.1213 to confirm that they will accept a marriage certificate from that country or if there are additional steps necessary to authenticate the document.

Request 2-3 marriage certificates while you are still in the country of your marriage. This will allow you to file multiple name-change forms simultaneously and save time on your transition from Miss to Mrs.!

Use the MissNowMrs.com online name-change service to skip all the hassle and transition to your new married name with ease. Answer some questions, click print, and then mail the majority of your forms and notification letters in less than an hour!