



Inspired Ceremonies

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CHANGE OF NAME HANDY HINTS

Some people choose to change their surname when they get married.

Many organisations accept a photocopy of the Certificate of Marriage which is presented to you on your wedding day.

All companies and Government departments will accept the registered Certificate of Marriage that is available on application to the registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. If you complete and return the application form to me, which I can supply to you (with the requisite \$50.00 fee) prior to the wedding day then it can be lodged with your marriage documents. It usually takes a few weeks for the registered Certificate of Marriage to come back to you in the mail.

If the bride is planning to change her surname the following may require the name change to be notified after marriage:

- driver's and vehicle licence (if not long before expiry leave it, however once changed to new name many places will accept this as your new primary form of identification) www.transport.qld.gov.au/
- bank accounts
- insurance policies (personal, home, content)
- passport (if not long before expiry leave it)
- Utilities (gas, electricity, water etc.)
- your local council if you pay rates
- bride's will, if lodged (needs changing in any case, and have spouse included as a beneficiary - and groom should do likewise)
- Electoral Commissions
- Australian Tax Office
- credit cards
- product loyalty cards
- library cards
- blood donor card
- Centre-link (Social Security, Family Payments, etc. entitlements may change with marriage and one does not want to be up for unintentional fraud or owing for overpayments)
- Memberships [health clubs, local clubs, frequent flyer, etc.]
- doctor, dental, other health care records
- accountant and other professionals
- car insurance
- mortgages, rental agreements
- work contacts [pay slips, tax info, superannuation]

This list may not include all the people that you need to contact but I hope that it is helpful in getting you started on this important task.

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