

NAME CHANGE INFORMATION

To change your name legally, start by getting official proof (like a marriage certificate or court order). Next, update your Social Security card, driver's license, and passport. Finally, notify your employer, bank, and utility providers.

Phase 1: Essential Government IDs (Do First)

- **Official Document:** Get 2 to 3 certified copies of your marriage certificate or legal name change court order.
- **Social Security Card:** File Form SS-5 with the [Social Security Administration](#). This must be done before updating your state ID.
- **Driver's License / State ID:** Visit your local DMV or driver exam station to update your license. Bring your new Social Security card and certified name change document.
- **U.S. Passport:** Submit Form DS-82 or DS-5504 to the [U.S. Department of State](#) to refresh your passport.

Phase 2: Finances and Legal Work

- **Employer / HR:** Update your payroll, tax withholdings (W-4), and company email or directory.
- **Bank Accounts:** Update checking, savings, and debit cards.
- **Credit Cards & Loans:** Request new cards and notify mortgage or student loan lenders.
- **Voter Registration:** Update your registration online or via mail.

Phase 3: Daily Life and Services

- **Insurance:** Notify auto, home, renter's, and health insurance providers.
- **Healthcare:** Update your files with doctors, dentists, and pharmacies.
- **Utilities & Bills:** Change names on electric, water, internet, and phone accounts.
- **Travel & Rewards:** Update frequent flyer accounts and TSA PreCheck/Global Entry.