
THE SCOTTISH NEWLYWED NAME CHANGE CHECKLIST

Everything you need to update after getting married in Scotland - without losing the will to live.

FOR EVERY NEWLYWED WHO CHOOSES TO CHANGE THEIR NAME

Mr & Mrs, Mr & Mr, Mrs & Mrs, combined surnames, double-barrelled surnames - or simply doing things your own way.

First things first... congratulations!

The wedding is over, the confetti has finally disappeared from places you didn't know confetti could reach, and hopefully somebody remembered to save you a bit of cake.

Now comes the glamorous part nobody puts in the wedding brochure: telling everyone you've changed your name.

Changing your surname after marriage or civil partnership is a choice, not a requirement. This guide is simply for anyone who chooses to do it.

☐ BEFORE YOU START - GET YOUR CERTIFICATE

Keep your marriage or civil-partnership certificate handy. It will be the key document for many of the changes below. If you want spare official copies, these can be ordered after the event has been registered.

Useful tip: having more than one official certificate can make life easier if an organisation needs to see an original.

HONEYMOON BOOKED? STOP HERE FIRST!

Before changing your passport, check exactly which name your honeymoon or other travel is booked under. The name on your passport and the name on the travel booking need to match.

In other words: don't enthusiastically become Mr/Mrs/Mx Wonderful on Friday and discover at Glasgow Airport on Monday that your airline ticket disagrees.

1. IDENTITY & GOVERNMENT

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ V5C vehicle log book (if applicable)
- ☐ Electoral Register
- ☐ Social Security Scotland (if applicable)
- ☐ Immigration / eVisa documentation (where applicable)
- ☐ Driving licence
- ☐ HMRC
- ☐ DWP / benefit records (if applicable)
- ☐ Disclosure Scotland / PVG Scheme (if applicable)

PVG Scheme member? Check Disclosure Scotland's current rules and time limits for reporting a name change.

2. MONEY, BANKING & FINANCE

- ☐ Current bank accounts
- ☐ Savings accounts
- ☐ Mortgage provider
- ☐ Car finance
- ☐ Premium Bonds / NS&I
- ☐ Financial adviser
- ☐ Building society
- ☐ Credit cards
- ☐ Personal loans
- ☐ ISAs and investments
- ☐ PayPal and other payment services
- ☐ Accountant (if applicable)

It can be easier to update one or two major forms of identification first, then work through the financial accounts.

3. WORK & PENSIONS

- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Payroll
- ☐ Private pensions
- ☐ Professional bodies / memberships
- ☐ Business records if self-employed
- ☐ Work email / display name
- ☐ HR records
- ☐ Workplace pension
- ☐ Professional registrations
- ☐ Trade memberships
- ☐ Companies House details (if applicable)
- ☐ Work ID / security pass

4. HOME & HOUSEHOLD

- ☐ Council Tax
- ☐ Gas supplier
- ☐ Mobile-phone provider
- ☐ TV Licence
- ☐ Mortgage provider
- ☐ Home-security / alarm company
- ☐ Electricity supplier
- ☐ Broadband provider
- ☐ TV provider
- ☐ Landlord / letting agent
- ☐ Property-related records (where appropriate)

5. HEALTH

- ☐ GP surgery
- ☐ Optician
- ☐ Private healthcare provider
- ☐ Health cash plans
- ☐ Dentist
- ☐ Regular hospital / clinic records (where appropriate)
- ☐ Pharmacy accounts

6. INSURANCE

- ☐ Car insurance
- ☐ Contents insurance
- ☐ Travel insurance
- ☐ Pet insurance
- ☐ Income-protection / critical-illness policies
- ☐ Home / buildings insurance
- ☐ Life insurance
- ☐ Private medical insurance
- ☐ Breakdown cover

Don't assume that changing your details with one part of a company automatically updates every policy you hold.

7. CAR & TRAVEL

- ☐ Driving licence
- ☐ Car insurance
- ☐ Breakdown provider
- ☐ Existing airline bookings
- ☐ Hotel loyalty programmes
- ☐ Existing visas (where applicable)
- ☐ V5C / log book
- ☐ Car finance / lease
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Frequent-flyer accounts
- ☐ Travel accounts / apps

Worth repeating: passport + airline ticket = same name.

8. THE THINGS EVERYBODY FORGETS

- ☐ Vet
- ☐ Gym membership
- ☐ Library membership
- ☐ Store accounts
- ☐ Subscriptions
- ☐ Email display name / signature
- ☐ Emergency-contact records
- ☐ Charities you regularly donate to
- ☐ Pet microchip details
- ☐ Clubs and societies
- ☐ Loyalty cards
- ☐ Online shopping accounts
- ☐ Streaming / service accounts where legal name matters
- ☐ Social-media profiles (if you want to)
- ☐ Season tickets / memberships

☐ I THINK I'VE TOLD EVERYBODY

Congratulations.

You are officially the same person you were before the wedding...

You've just spent three weeks proving it to everybody.

A friendly note: procedures and requirements can change. Before sending documents or making an important change, check the latest instructions from the relevant organisation. This checklist is a practical planning guide, not legal advice.

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