Obtaining Certified Copies of Your Marriage Certificate

To check if your certificate has been recorded, visit http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/records-licensing/Recorders-Office/records-search

Marriage certificates and licenses purchased from King County are maintained by the King County Recorder’s Office. Certified copies should be available approximately 10 business days from the date the marriage record is returned to King County. Certified copies are $3 each. Payment methods via mail: personal check (with preprinted name & address), money order or cashier’s check. In person you may also pay with cash or debit/credit.

ORDER BY PHONE:
Call our Office at (206) 477-6620; Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm to request and pay for it over the phone with a debit/credit card.

ORDER BY MAIL:
Complete the form on back of this page and mail to King County Marriage Records, 500 4th Avenue, Room 430, Seattle, WA 98104. Certified copies are generally mailed within 10 business days. Payment methods via mail: personal check (with preprinted name & address, no starter check), money order or cashier’s check made payable to “King County Records”.

Name Change after Marriage

To assume the new last name, first obtain certified copies of the recorded marriage certificate. Then work with each agency listed below to change its record of your name. These may include:

- State Driver’s License/Identification Card: www.dol.wa.gov
- Social Security: www.ssa.gov or 1-800-772-1213
- Immigration Services: www.uscis.gov or 1-800-375-5283
- Passport: www.travel.state.gov or 1-877-487-2778
- Banks; Insurance; Employer; Military; Voter Registration

Washington State law does not impose a time limit, after the wedding, by which a name change must be accomplished. However, if you are doing so more than a year after your wedding, check with each agency to determine if a certified copy of your marriage certificate will suffice to change your name with them. A court-ordered name change can be accomplished by King County District Court. For details visit: http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/DistrictCourt/NameChange.aspx.
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE CERTIFIED COPY REQUEST FORM

To help ensure that you receive the desired copies, please supply as much information as possible including a daytime phone number or email address should questions arise concerning your order.

PLEASE PRINT. Copies will be mailed to this address.

Name: ________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________
City, ST, Zip: ________________________________________
Daytime Phone: ________________________________________

Record Information:

License Application Number: _______________________________
(On back of red and gold commemorative form)

Full Name of One Party: __________________________________________
(Name used on application)

Full Name of Other Party: __________________________________________
(Name used on application)

Date of Marriage: __________________________________________

Number of certified copies ordered: _______ @ $3 per copy = $________.
Enclose a personal check with preprinted name and address, money order or Cashier’s check payable to King County.

Mail completed form with payment made payable to “King County Records”, 500 4th Avenue, Room 430, Seattle, WA 98104. Allow up to 10 business days to fulfill your order.