

## DOCUMENTS TO ESTABLISH A “BONA FIDE” MARRIAGE

- Tax returns (filed jointly, or as married)
- Savings account bank book (joint)
- Checking account (joint)
- Birth certificates of children of the marriage
- Lease on apartment /house deed or mortgage payments showing both names
- Insurance policies (spouse as beneficiary or co-insured)
- Charge cards (joint)
- Letter from the employers, showing who is to be contacted in case of an emergency, how many dependents are claimed for taxes, etc.
- Automobile registration (co-ownership)
- Driver’s license
- Rent receipts
- Social security cards
- Wedding photographs
- Copy of wedding invitation
- Copy of newspaper announcement of wedding
- Copy of hotel bill(s) for wedding night and/or honeymoon
- Plane tickets, itinerary or other receipts from honeymoon
- Miscellaneous receipts in connection with hire or purchase of outfitting for members of wedding party
- Loans/pay vouchers
- Doctor’s bills
- Medical records/hospital care (next of kin)
- Department store bills/credit cards
- Membership cards
- Utility bills
- Letter written between the parties, or to the couple and other correspondence
- If the wife has changed her name, any identification showing the married name such as driver’s license, etc.
- Affidavits or declarations from the couple, relatives, friends, etc. providing the details and confirming the bona fides of the relationship

*NOTE: Even if you have not commingled funds and have joint accounts, bills can be used to show that you are living together.*

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