

DOCUMENTS TO ESTABLISH A “BONA FIDE” MARRIAGE

- Tax returns (filed jointly, or as married)
- Savings account (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)
- Credit cards (joint)
- Automobile registration (co-ownership)
- Driver’s license
- Rent receipts
- Wedding photographs
- Copy of wedding invitation
- Copy of newspaper announcement of wedding
- Copy of hotel bill(s) for wedding night and/or the honeymoon
- Plane tickets, itinerary or other receipts from the honeymoon
- Loans/pay vouchers
- Doctor’s bills
- Medical records/hospital care (next of kin)
- Membership cards
- Utility bills
- 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.*