



**Evidence of Bona Fide Marital Relationship**

Evidence	Status
<b>Personal</b>	
Photographs: wedding photos, family life, etc.	
Birth certificate of any children that have been born to your marriage.	
Documentation of any vacations that you have taken, including flight itineraries, hotel bills, pictures of you together on vacation.	
Other family pictures of you together.	
Copies of holiday cards addressed to you both	
Copies of emails, text messages, WhatsApp messages	
Facebook screenshots, Instagram, social media posts, etc.	
Affidavits from family and friends about your relationship	
<b>Property / Lease</b>	
A deed, showing co-ownership of your property or a lease agreement with both of your names on the lease.	
A car title or other titles to property showing joint ownership with your spouse.	
<b>Financial / Legal</b>	
Utility bills, credit card bills, and other types of bills which have both of your names on them. Since many utilities will only put a bill in one person's name, some bills in one name and other bills at the same address but in the other spouse's name serve the same purpose: showing your financial & social lives intermingled.	
Copies of actual credit cards, health insurance cards, or other "joint" cards that you have together, showing same account number.	
Car, health, or life insurance that has both of your names on the policy or the other spouse listed as the beneficiary.	
401K or other retirement plan with spouse listed as beneficiary (right to survivorship is the technical term)	
Bank or stock accounts with both of your names on them.	
A copy of your joint tax returns. Tax transcripts from the IRS are still the preferred method.	

\* These are suggested documents. You may not have all of these, or have other documents that also evidence your relationship. You can also collect affidavits from friends and family members familiar with your relationship.