Is a wife required to take her husband’s last name?

It is customary in South Africa for a wife to take her husband’s last name (or surname as it is legally called), but it is not required by law. If the wife assumes her husband’s surname, she should change her name on her identity document, driver’s license, voter’s registration, credit cards, bank accounts and inform others with whom she does business. A women may not retain both her unmarried and married name.