

CASH FLOW ISSUES	YES	NO
 As a couple, do you need to discuss financial topics? If so, consider the following: Your own individual career and personal goals. 		
 Four own individual career and personal goals. The amount you are both comfortable saving for the future and the amount you are comfortable spending now. The issues that may cause money-related stress between you. 		
Will your cash flow needs change? If so, consider developing a new income and expense plan.		
• Do you need to adjust how much you are saving?		
Do you need to identify and assign financial responsibilities (e.g., oversight and management of cash flow, accounts, investments, etc.)?		
> Do you plan to combine finances?		
Do you and your spouse use credit cards? If so, consider which card provides the best benefits (features, points, etc.) and the potential benefits of consolidating the number		
of cards.	 If participating in a Health Savings Account, family plans offer higher contribution levels than individual plans. 	
ASSET & DEBT ISSUES	YES	NO
Have your investment goals or risk tolerance for any of your accounts changed as a result of the marriage?		
Do you maintain separate accounts (e.g., investments, checking, saving)?		
If so, consider the benefits of opening joint accounts. Do you or your spouse have any substantial debts?		
 If so, consider the following: Pay down debts with the highest interest rates first. 		
Consolidate debts when beneficial. (continue on next column)		



YES NO

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TAX PLANNING ISSUES	YES	NC
Do you need to review your filing status? If so, MFJ offers more deductions than MFS and will result in lower tax liability in most cases. MFS can make sense in certain situations, such as business owners attempting to qualify for the QBI deduction, or in the case of certain student loans.		
> Do you need to review and update tax withholdings/estimates?		
> Do either of you have tax loss carryforwards? If so, consider how to best utilize such carryforwards in the future.		
> Does your new filing status and Adjusted Gross Income impact your ability to contribute to tax-advantaged accounts?		
LONG-TERM PLANNING ISSUES	YES	NO
Are you planning on making any major expenditures in the near future (such as buying a home, home improvements, or education)? If so, consider developing a plan now to ensure adequate funding. Do you need to review or compare goals as a result of the marriage? Do you need to create or update your estate plan?		
> Do your beneficiary designations need to be reviewed and possibly updated? This includes retirement plans, life insurance, and TOD accounts.		
Do you or your spouse have a successful business, sizable inheritance, or debts that you would like to keep separate? If so, consider a prenuptial agreement.		
Do you plan on having children and want yourself or your spouse to stay home to raise the children? If so, consider your ability to pay for a major purchase (such as a house) and maintain your desired lifestyle on one income.		

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