

# Washington

## Name Change (Court Order)

### **What you need to know:**

To file a name change in the state of Washington, you must file in the District Court in the county where you reside. You can use to [https://www.courts.wa.gov/court\\_dir/?fa=court\\_dir.county](https://www.courts.wa.gov/court_dir/?fa=court_dir.county) find the District Court information for your county.

You will need to have proof of residency in your county. This may include, but is not limited to:

- A bill that has your address on it (ie, internet bill, phone bill)
- A Washington state driver's license/state ID

### **Cost:**

Name Change fees will vary depending on the county. Please see RCW 4.24.130 Action for change of name-Fees at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=4.24.130> for more information.

### **Forms:**

Forms needed for Name Changes in the state of Washington are not available on the Washington State Court websites. You will need to contact the court where you are filing your name change to obtain the required forms.

### References:

Name Changes (WA) - <https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.static&staticID=13>  
WA Court Directory Search - [https://www.courts.wa.gov/court\\_dir/?fa=court\\_dir.county](https://www.courts.wa.gov/court_dir/?fa=court_dir.county)  
RCW 4.24.130 - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=4.24.130>

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## Name Change (Birth Certificate)

### **What you need to know:**

If you are requesting to change your first, middle, or last name on your birth certificate, please refer to the Name Change (Court Order) section, as you will need to follow the legal name change process for Washington.

For any other type of name change to your birth certificate, such as correcting the spelling, moving the given middle name to the first part of the surname, or other changes, please refer to the chart on

<https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/vital-records/how-correct-record/changing-birth-certificates>.

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## **Gender Marker Change (Birth Certificate)**

### **What you need to know:**

If you were born in Washington, you **can** change the sex designation on your birth certificate. A Washington birth certificate has three options for sex designation: M, F, and X. There are two ways to submit the gender marker to the WA DOH: by mail or in person.

You will need to complete the Request to Change Sex Designation on a Birth Certificate for an Adult form (DOH 422-134), which can be found here:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/422-143-SexDesignationChangeAdult.pdf>. This document will need to be notarized. You can find a notary using this website: <https://www.washingtonnotary.com/find-a-notary>.

You can also change your name on your birth certificate at the same time, if you wish. You will need to provide the certified legal name change court order. Please see Name Change (Court Order) and Name Change (Birth Certificate) sections for more information.

To request copies of your updated birth certificates, you will need to complete the Birth Certificate Order Form (DOH 422-182):

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/422-182-BirthCertificateOrderForm.pdf>.

### **Cost:**

There is no fee to amend the birth certificate record; however, it is \$25 for each certified copy requested.

### **Forms:**

DOH 422-134: Request to Change Sex Designation on a Birth Certificate for an Adult Form -

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/422-143-SexDesignationChangeAdult.pdf>

DOH 422-182: Birth Certificate Order Form -

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/422-182-BirthCertificateOrderForm.pdf>

### **References**

WA State Department of Health Sex Designation Change on a Birth Certificate -

<https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/vital-records/sex-designation-change-birth-certificate>

Birth Certificate Gender Marker Change -

<https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/vital-records/sex-designation-change-birth-certificate>

DOH 422-134 Form -

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/422-143-SexDesignationChangeAdult.pdf>

DOH 422-186 Form -

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/Pubs/422-182-BirthCertificateOrderForm.pdf>

WAC 246-490-075 - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-490-075>

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## **Gender Marker Change (Driver's License / State ID)**

### **What you need to know:**

You **can** change your gender designation on your Washington driver's license / state ID. A Washington driver's license / state ID has three options for sex designation: M, F, and X. There are two ways to submit the gender marker to the WA DOH: by mail or in person for both regular and enhanced forms.

For in-person requests, you will need to make an appointment at a driver's licensing office, which can be found at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/extdriveses/ESP/NoLogon/>. You will need to bring your current license or ID card with you to this appointment.

For by mail requests, you will need to complete the Change of Gender Designation Request form:

[https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view?combine=&field\\_topic\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_language\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_form\\_id\\_value=520043](https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view?combine=&field_topic_target_id=All&field_language_target_id=All&field_form_id_value=520043) and mail it to the address found on the form. If you are getting an enhanced, also known as a Real ID, you will have to make an appointment at a driver's licensing office. If not, you can log into License Express (<https://secure.dol.wa.gov/home/>) to get your new cards online.

### **Cost:**

If you are only updating your gender designation, your new card will be free. If you need to update more than your gender, or are updating to a Washington ID from another state, an additional fee will apply. Please see

<https://dol.wa.gov/driver-licenses-and-permits/driver-licensing-fees#updatecard> for more information on these fees.

### **Forms:**

Change of Gender Designation Forms -

[https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view?combine=&field\\_topic\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_language\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_form\\_id\\_value=520043](https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view?combine=&field_topic_target_id=All&field_language_target_id=All&field_form_id_value=520043)

### **References:**

Washington State Department of Licensing -

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/extdriveses/ESP/NoLogon/> /

Change of Gender Designation Forms -

[https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view?combine=&field\\_topic\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_language\\_target\\_id=All&field\\_form\\_id\\_value=520043](https://dol.wa.gov/forms/view?combine=&field_topic_target_id=All&field_language_target_id=All&field_form_id_value=520043)

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License Express - <https://secure.dol.wa.gov/home/>

Driver Licensing Fees -

<https://dol.wa.gov/driver-licenses-and-permits/driver-licensing-fees#updatecard>

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## Gender Affirming Care Resources

### **What you need to know:**

Washington offers Gender Affirming Care Resources. Please see below for some helpful references that help protect you and your care.

### **References**

Health insurance and gender affirming treatment -

<https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/en/health-insurance-and-gender-affirming-treatment>

RCW 74.09.675 - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=74.09.675>

RCW 49.60.178 - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=49.60.178>

RCW 49.60.010 - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=49.60.010>

Gender-Affirming Treatment Act -

<https://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/Senate/5313-S2.SL.pdf?cite=2021%20c%20280%20s%205>

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