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# REVEALED: GENDER CHANGE LOOPHOLE ON UK PASSPORTS

Ministers' fears over 'self-identification' after it emerges official documents can be altered with just a doctor's note

## EXCLUSIVE

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**MINISTERS** are considering closing a 'major loophole' that allows people to easily change their sex in official documents.

Currently anyone can obtain a passport in their 'acquired gender' by providing a letter from a medical professional stating their transition is 'likely to be permanent' and evidence they have changed their name.

And to alter the sex listed on a driving licence, applicants only need a simple statement from a lawyer confirming their new identity.

Official figures show hundreds of people each year are using the procedure, which is far more straight-forward than changing legal sex by getting a Gender Recognition Certificate.

It is allowed even though the Government opposes so-called 'self-identification'

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