



Tips on changing your legal documents

Including your name, birth certificate, driver's license and passport



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In the following pages, we're going to walk you through the process of changing your legal documents! This can be a source of confusion for some, and our goal is to make it as simple as possible to put this information together.

At the end of the document, we've also included a blank page that you can use to make notes for yourself if you're printing this out

This document will cover the steps you will need to go through in order to legally change your various pieces of Governmental Identification, in the order we recommend going through them, these include:

- Changing your legal name
- Changing the gender marker on your birth certificate
- Changing your gender marker and name on your health care card
- Changing your name and gender marker on your driver's license
- Changing your name and gender marker on your passport



Legal Name Change:

Your first step should be to legally change your name. Once you have settled on your desired name for yourself, you'll want to apply in person at the Department of Vital Statistics which is currently located on the 4th floor of the Financial Plaza (204 Lambert Street). You're going to want to bring the following documents with you:

- the present and proposed names in full,
- the present address and previous addresses for the three months immediately preceding the application of the applicant and the person whose name is proposed to be changed,
- the reason for the proposed change of name
- the date and place of birth of the person whose name is proposed to be changed.

Note: these guidelines are for individuals over the age of 19. If you are under 19, you will need the expressed interest and support of a parent or legal guardian.

There is a one-time fee of \$50 for this process, paid in full at time of application.

For additional info, please visit the Yukon Government website for legal name change here:

<http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/changeofname.php>



Changing your gender marker on your birth certificate:

You will need to apply to change your gender marker on your birth certificate in your province or territory where you were born. Below you will find links and fees for this process in every province and territory in Canada. If you were born outside of Canada, you will need to find the pertinent department in your place of birth.

| Province/Territory | Website Link | Change fee | New doc. cost | notes |
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| Yukon | https://yukon.ca/en/births-marriages-and-deaths/births/change-sex-birth-registration | \$10 | \$10 | |
| Northwest Territories | https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/changing-your-sex-designation | \$33 | \$22 | |
| Nunavut | | | | |
| British Columbia | https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/birth-adoption/births/birth-certificates/change-of-gender-designation-on-birth-certificates | \$27 | \$27-\$50 | |
| Alberta | https://www.alberta.ca/birth-record-sex-amendment.aspx | \$20 | | Can apply to waive change fee |



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| Saskatchewan | https://www.ehealthsask.ca/residents/Pages/Sex-Designation.aspx | \$20 | \$35 -40 | |
| Manitoba | https://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/change_of_sex_designation.html | \$30 | \$30 | |
| Ontario | https://www.ontario.ca/page/changing-your-sex-designation-your-birth-registration-and-birth-certificate | \$0 | \$25 | |
| Quebec | http://www.etatcivil.gouv.qc.ca/en/change-sexe.html | | | |
| New Brunswick | https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_enderer.201445.Change_of_Sex_Designation.html | | | |
| Nova Scotia | https://beta.novascotia.ca/change-your-sex-indicator-if-youre-16-or-older | \$0 | \$0 | |
| Prince Edward Island | https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/justice-and-public-safety/change-gender-designation | \$25 | \$25 | |
| Newfoundland | https://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/birth/changing_your_sex_designation/index.html | \$0 | \$35 | |



Changing your name and gender marker on your Yukon Health Care card:

You can apply to make the necessary changes to your health care at the same office of statistics you apply for your name change, simply ask at the desk and they will provide you with the necessary paperwork. You can also make enquiries by phone 867-667-5209 or toll free 1-800-661-0408, extension 5209 if you



Changing your name and your gender marker on your Yukon driver's license

1. Go to a [Motor Vehicles office](#) and bring your current Yukon driver's licence with you.
2. Bring original paperwork demonstrating your legal name change as well as, if required, your birth certificate reflecting the change in gender marker. Note: Bring in your marriage certificate(s) or legal name change document(s) if your birth certificate, valid passport or permanent resident card does not reflect your current legal surname.
3. staff will issue you a temporary licence that will be valid for 90 days.
4. You will receive your new driver's licence card in the mail within 7 to 10 business days. This card will reflect your current expiry date.

If you have additional questions, you can always contact the motor vehicles branch by email at motor.vehicles@gov.yk.ca or by phone 867-667-5315 or toll free in Yukon: 1-800-661-0408, ext. 5315.

Motor vehicles in the Yukon is currently unable to provide an X as a neutral gender option on driver's license's, with plans to offer this option in the near future.



Changing your name and gender marker on your Canadian Passport:

Before we start:

There is no guarantee that other countries you visit or travel through will accept the sex or gender identifier on your passport or travel document. Check with our local [Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate](#) in the countries you plan to visit or travel through to make sure you understand their entry requirements.

You should also be aware that current systems used by some countries and travel companies may not recognize the X gender identifier and you may still be asked to provide your sex/gender information as either Male or Female when travelling.

[Find more information on traveling abroad as an LGBTQ2 Canadian.](#)

Changing your gender marker and/or legal name on your passport depends on a number of factors. If you're looking to change your legal name on your passport you will be required to apply for a new passport. This can be done at any Service Canada location