

Legally Changing Your Name in Ontario

If you're looking to change your name to fit your gender identity (or for other reasons) any adult and legal guardians of a youth can do so by requesting a change with the Government of Ontario.

Name change applications cost **\$137** and require certain eligibility criteria such as a Police Record Search (18+) and if you're 17 years old or younger, consent of your legal guardians.

If your application is complete, accurate and you were born in Ontario, the Government of Ontario will mail you a certificate of name change and your new birth certificate in 6-8 weeks. It may take longer if you have requested a change to a single name or reclaimed name.

Once you get your certificate of name change, you can update your other government-issued identification (e.g. driver's license, health card, Ontario Photo Card).



ontario.ca/page/change-name

Name Change Checklist



Identification

- Birth Certificate
- Photo ID Card
- Drivers License
- Health Card
- Passport
- Voter Registration

Financial

- Job/Employer
- Mortgage/Lease
- Utility Bills
- Insurance
- Student Loans
- Taxes (CRA)
- Retirement Plan

Life Services

- Banking
- Dentist
- Optometrist/Eye Doctor
- Mental Health Clinic
- Other Health Services
- School/Training Institute

Online

- Subscriptions (Movies, Music, Books, etc.)
- Social Media and Email(s)

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