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Identity Document Laws and Policies: Driver's License

No updates required since August 3, 2019

Process categories and scoring system, adapted from NCTE's letter grades in [ID Documents Center](#):

The process for changing the gender marker on a driver's license involves:

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- (0.25) State has no form. No proof of surgery or court order required, but does have burdensome process requirements and/or required provider certification accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- (0) State has unclear, unknown, or unwritten policy regarding gender marker changes.
- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.

Option categories and scoring system:

- (1) State allows residents to identify as male, female, and nonbinary
- (0) State only allows residents to identify as male or female

Alabama

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See [Alabama Department of Public Safety FAQ](#)

Alaska

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See [2 AAC 90.480](#) or [Form 427](#)

Arizona

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See [Motor Vehicle Division Policy 3.1.1, page 5](#)

Arkansas

- (0) State has unclear, unknown or unwritten policy regarding gender marker changes.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. (See [here](#))
- The Arkansas Driver Services [FAQ](#) addresses name change only.



California

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. [See SB 179 \(2018\)](#)
- See [California DMV form DL 329](#)

Colorado

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. (See [DOR FAQ here](#))
- See [form DR 2083](#)

Connecticut

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Connecticut DMV Gender Designation Change Form](#)

Delaware

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See [Delaware DMV form MV2020](#)

District of Columbia

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license.
- See the [District of Columbia DMV Gender Designation Form](#)

Florida

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Florida Department of Highway Services and Motor Vehicles memo on gender marker change policy](#)

Georgia

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See the [Georgia Department of Driver Services website](#)

Hawaii

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license.
- See [Hawaii's Gender Designation Form](#) and [HB 1165](#) (2019).



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Idaho

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Idaho Transportation Department's Administrative Policy 5504 \(2013\)](#)

Illinois

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Illinois Office of the Secretary of State website](#)

Indiana

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. (See [here](#))
- See the [Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles website](#)

Iowa

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See [Iowa Administrative Code § 601.5\(7\)](#)

Kansas

- (0.25) State has no form. No proof of surgery or court order required, but does have burdensome process requirements and/or required provider certification accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See [memo from Ted E. Smith, Kansas Department of Revenue Staff Attorney \(2011\)](#)

Kentucky

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See a statement from [Chief of Staff at Jefferson County Circuit Clerk's Office](#). Form TC 94-180, Declaration of Gender Change, is not available on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet [website](#).

Louisiana

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See the [Louisiana OMV policy on Gender Change/Reassignment](#)

Maine

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license.
- See the [Gender Designation Form](#) from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles



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Maryland

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license.
- See [S.B. 196 \(2019\)](#)

Massachusetts

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- See the [Gender Designation Change Form](#) from the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles

Michigan

- (0.25) State has no form. No proof of surgery or court order required, but does have burdensome process requirements and/or required provider certification accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Michigan Secretary of State website](#)

Minnesota

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license.
- See the [Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services' note](#) that sex is self-designated

Mississippi

- (0) State has unclear, unknown or unwritten policy regarding gender marker changes.

Missouri

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See the Missouri Department of Revenue [Gender Designation Change Request Form](#)

Montana

- (0) State has unclear, unknown or unwritten policy regarding gender marker changes.
- However, NCTE's Identity Documents Center lists a process that has been successful thus far for Montana residents to change their gender. See [here](#).

Nebraska

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles form [Certification of Sex Reassignment](#)



Nevada

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. (See [here](#), 2019)
- [State DMV](#): "Your driver's license or ID card will indicate the gender you choose on the application. Medical certification of a gender change is not necessary." [NAC 483.070](#).

New Hampshire

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license.
- See [DSMV 626](#) and [HB 669](#) (2019)

New Jersey

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See the [New Jersey MVC Gender Designation Form](#)

New Mexico

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See [MVD 10237](#)

New York

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See [the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles site](#)

North Carolina

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See DMV's Sex Designation Form, [Form DL-300](#) (Jan 2019).

North Dakota

- (0) State has unclear, unknown or unwritten policy regarding gender marker changes.

Ohio

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See the Ohio Department of Public Safety's [Declaration of Gender Change form](#)

Oklahoma

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See the [Oklahoma Department of Public Safety website](#)



Oregon

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license.
- See ["Changing Your Sex Designation on Your DL or ID"](#)

Pennsylvania

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. (Beginning 2020)
- See the [Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's "Request for Gender Change on Driver's License/Identification Card" form](#)

Rhode Island

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles form "Gender Designation on Driver's License or Identification Card"](#)

South Carolina

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See the [South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles website](#)

South Dakota

- (0) State has unclear, unknown or unwritten policy regarding gender marker changes.

Tennessee

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See [Tennessee Department of Safety Rule 1340-1-13-.12 \(6\)](#)

Texas

- (-1) State requires proof of surgery, court order, and/or amended birth certificate.
- See the [Texas Department of Public Safety website](#)

Utah

- (0.25) State has no form. No proof of surgery or court order required, but does have burdensome process requirements and/or required provider certification accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. (See [here](#))
- See the [Utah Department of Public Safety's website](#)

Vermont

- (1) State uses easy to understand form and does not require any provider certification.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver's license. (See [here](#))
- See the [Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles website](#)



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Virginia

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles “Gender Designation Change Request” form](#)

Washington

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- (1) State allows residents to mark M, F, or X on their driver’s license. (Beginning fall 2019)
- See the [Washington State Department of Licensing website](#)

West Virginia

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See the [West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles Gender Designation Form](#)

Wisconsin

- (0.5) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted only from a limited range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Wisconsin Department of Transportation website](#)

Wyoming

- (0.75) State uses easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed professionals.
- See the [Gender Designation Change Request Form](#) and more information [here](#)

U.S. Territories

This information is provided by the National Center for Transgender Equality.

American Samoa

- (0) There is “[no established policy for amending the gender marker on a driver’s license.](#)”

Guam

- (-1) “[The applicant must provide the court order for the legal name change and/or a sworn statement from a physician that the license holder’s sex has been changed.](#)”

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

- (-1) “[In order to change the name and gender marker on a driver’s license, the license holder must provide both the court order for the legal name and gender change, as well as a valid passport or original birth certificate.](#)”

Puerto Rico

- (0.75) [Offers an easy to understand form and requires provider certification, accepted from a broad range of licensed clinical professionals.](#)

U.S. Virgin Islands

- (0) [No clear or established policy for amending the gender marker on a driver’s license.](#)