
Has Your
NAME CHANGED?

Need a
REAL ID?

Be prepared, here is how



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If the name on your birth certificate is **DIFFERENT than your current legal name, the federal government requires additional documents to verify your identity.**

**Accepted documents to prove identity
if your name has changed:**

- Certified marriage certificate (certified by the County Clerk's office; a certificate issued by a church is not acceptable)
- Court-certified name change order

(Copies of documents are not acceptable.)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Multiple name change documents will be required if your name has changed multiple times.
- If you have a valid passport with your current legal name, additional documents are **NOT** required.

**Examples for documents required for
verification of identity:**

Example one:

Your birth certificate is in the name of Jane Jones. Your current name is Jane Wilson as the result of a marriage. You need to bring certified copies of your birth certificate and your marriage certificate. (*Two total documents.*)

Example two:

Your birth certificate is in the name of Lisa Mitchell. You married Mr. Smith and took the name Lisa Smith. You divorced Mr. Smith. You married Mr. Hopkins and took the name Lisa Hopkins, which is your current name. You need to bring certified copies of your birth certificate, your marriage certificate in the name of Lisa Smith, and your marriage certificate in the name of Lisa Hopkins. (*Three total documents.*)

**For more information, call
833-503-4074.**



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