

Do you know your name?

Using your True Full Name for Real Estate transactions is vitally important!

Identification requirements

The issue of identification reliability, integrity, and confidentiality is of prime concern to all citizens. Eligibility for government services, issuance of various licenses, assessment of taxes, the right to vote, etc., are all determined through evaluations based on identification documents. It is critical that identification documents be authenticated and accurate in identifying each individual.

True Full Name

Your true full name appears on your Birth Certificate. If you change your name, then you must provide **one** of the following documents to verify your name change:

- Adoption documents that contain the legal name as a result of the adoption.
- A name change document that contains the legal name both before and after the name change.
- Marriage certificate (issued from a local or state Office of Vital Statistics).
- A certificate, declaration, or registration document verifying the formation of a domestic partnership.
- Dissolution of marriage document that contains the legal name as a result of the court action.

In applying for a State ID only the original or a certified copy of two of the following documents* are required for identification. One must indicate your date of birth and the other must bear your written signature.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption Papers• Baptismal Records• Birth Certificate• Certificate of Marriage• Citizenship Papers• Concealed Weapons Permit• Copy of Marital Application• Court Order• Divorce Papers• Draft Card• Driver Education Card• Driver's License | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Driver's Permit• Medical Record from Doctor/Hospital• Military Dependent ID Card• Military Discharge/Separation (DD214)• Military ID Card• Parent/Guardian {Must appear in person and prove his/her identity (Applies only to minors)}• Passport• School Records/Transcript (certified)• Social Security Card• Unemployment Card |
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*The same documents may be used to prove Maine residency and Legal Presence in the United States.

Legal name

Definition - Noun

A person's name that is usually the name given at birth and recorded on the birth certificate, but that may be a different name that is used by a person consistently and independently or that has been declared the person's name by a court. If a person seeks to change a name by judicial process, the court may not deny the change absent any indication of a fraudulent purpose. In some states, a woman's legal name is presumed to include her husband's last name.

If you decide to take your husband's name in Maine, you will need to first notify the United States Social Security Administration of your legal name change. It is then important to change the name on your driver's license or identification card with the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles and to inform your employer and your bank of your new name. This will ensure that your name, identification and employment records will all match your social security records, which is important in order to have benefits properly credited. These organizations will all require a certified copy of your marriage certificate in order to process the name change request.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Consumer Title.