

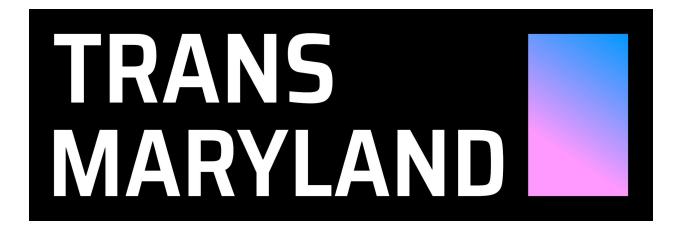
Name & Gender Marker Changes on Birth Certificates Issued in Maryland
Updated on October 22, 2021

Maryland allows an individual to amend their Maryland issued birth certificate to reflect both a name and gender marker change. The updated birth certificate will not be marked as amended. You will need to submit the following documents:

- 1. A certified copy of your Name Change Court Order (if changing name)
- 2. A completed and signed Application for Change in Sex Designation on a Certificate of Live Birth, and a completed and signed Statement of Licensed Healthcare Practitioner (if you are updating your gender marker). No surgery/hormones are required to change your gender marker (Access a fillable PDF here: <a href="https://transmaryland.org/mdbirthcert">https://transmaryland.org/mdbirthcert</a>)
- 3. A CLEAR copy of your photo ID, if address doesn't match, send 2 proofs of address <a href="https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/idreqs.aspx">https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/idreqs.aspx</a>
- 4. A check or money order payable to "State of Maryland" for the total cost. The change fee is \$10 and each copy of the birth certificate costs \$10. (To update the document and receive one copy, the total cost is \$20)
- 5. **NOTE** Maryland birth certificates now use the terminology "parent" instead of "mother or father". Also, the birthing parent's name is now listed as "legal name at time of birth" rather than "maiden name". Those may not be the same for your birthing parent/mother.

## **Current Processing Times:**

https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/proctime.aspx



## In person appointments (to receive your certificate same day):

Available by calling (410) 764-3038 or online at the following website (click the red link that states "Click here to book an appointment") <a href="https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/birth.aspx">https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/birth.aspx</a>

- 1. Purchase a copy of your current birth certificate
- Correct your name and or gender on your birth certificate. The wait may be a month or more for an in person appointment, but the correction should occur the same day. They take cash, checks, money orders or credit/debit cards. Credit/debit card use will incur a \$2.75 additional administrative fee. Hours of operation are 9am-3pm M-F.

## OR can be sent Certified Mail w/Return Receipt (timeline 8-10 weeks):

Division of Vital Records 6764-B Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

You can call **410-764-3036** or email <a href="mailto:dvr.corrections@maryland.gov">dvr.corrections@maryland.gov</a> to check on your order.