



**FACT SHEET**  
**APPLYING FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH FOLLOWING SEX CHANGE**  
**OR DIAGNOSIS OF AN INTERSEX CONDITION**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
 Division of Vital Records

<b>Background</b>	An individual born in Maryland whose sex has been changed or who has been diagnosed with an intersex condition may apply for a Certificate of Live Birth that reflects a change in sex designation. If a name change is also being requested, a court order must be presented.
<b>Requirements for new Certificate reflecting change to sex designation</b>	An individual who was born in Maryland must provide satisfactory proof that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A licensed health care practitioner who has treated or evaluated the individual has signed a statement, under penalty of perjury, that the individual has undergone surgical, hormonal, or other treatment appropriate for the individual, based on generally accepted medical standards; <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. A licensed health care practitioner who has treated or evaluated the individual has signed a statement, under penalty of perjury, that the individual has an intersex condition and, in the professional opinion of the licensed health care practitioner, based on generally accepted medical standards, the individual’s sex designation should be changed accordingly; <b>OR</b></li> <li>3. A court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order indicating that the sex of an individual should be changed; <b>OR</b></li> <li>4. Prior to October 1, 2015, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene amended an original Certificate of Live Birth on receipt of a court order indicating the sex of the individual has been changed.</li> </ol>
<b>Licensed health care practitioner</b>	A licensed health care practitioner is an individual who is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A physician licensed under Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article;</li> <li>• A psychologist licensed under Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article;</li> <li>• A registered nurse licensed and certified to practice as a nurse practitioner, nurse psychotherapist, or clinical nurse specialist under Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article;</li> <li>• A licensed certified social worker-clinical who is licensed under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article; or</li> <li>• An individual who is licensed to practice a profession listed above in another state and meets the requirements under the Health Occupations Article to Qualify for a license to practice the profession in this state.</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements for name change</b>	A change to the name requires the original court order unless the individual is under 12 months of age. The name of an individual under the age of 12 months may be changed once without a court order by providing the required documentation.
<b>To request change(s)</b>	Submit application, required evidence, and fees to the Division of Vital Records, 6764-B Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21215.
<b>Fees</b>	Preparation of new Certificate of Live Birth           \$10 Purchase of new Certificate (if requested)           \$10 per copy <b>Check or money order should be made payable to the “State of Maryland”</b>
<b>For more information</b>	Contact the Division at Vital Records at 410-764-3036 or scook@maryland.gov.





**CHANGE IN SEX DESIGNATION ON A CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH  
STATEMENT OF LICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER**

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**Purpose of the form**

An individual born in Maryland whose sex has been changed, or who has been diagnosed with an intersex condition, may apply for a Certificate of Live Birth that reflects a change in sex designation. The individual must provide satisfactory proof from a licensed health care practitioner that the individual has undergone surgical, hormonal, or other treatment appropriate for the individual, based on generally accepted medical standards; or that the individual has an intersex condition. This form is intended to assist licensed health care practitioners in providing the information required on the statement that is needed to accompany an individual's application.

**Patient/client information**

Name:

Date of birth:

**Licensed health care practitioner information**

Name:

Phone number:

Address:

Type of provider:  
 **Physician** (licensed in Maryland under Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article, or licensed in another state and meets the requirements to qualify for a license to practice in Maryland)  
 **Psychologist** (licensed in Maryland under Title 18 of the Health Occupations Article, or licensed in another state and meets the requirements to qualify for a license to practice in Maryland)  
 **Nurse practitioner, nurse psychotherapist or clinical nurse specialist** (licensed in Maryland under Title 8 of the Health Occupations Article, or licensed in another state and meets the requirements to qualify for a license in Maryland)  
 **Licensed certified social worker--clinical** (licensed in Maryland under Title 19 of the Health Occupations Article, or licensed in another state and meets the requirements to qualify for a license in Maryland)

State of licensure:

License Number:

**Affidavit**

I am a licensed health care practitioner in good standing and have treated or evaluated the patient/client indicated above. I hereby certify that this individual has undergone surgical, hormonal, or other treatment appropriate for the individual, based on generally accepted medical standards, or that the individual has an intersex condition. In my professional opinion, based on generally accepted medical standards, the individual's sex designation should be changed from:

- Male to Female
- Female to Male

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information above is true and accurate.

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Signature of health care practitioner

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Date