

CHANGE OF NAME OR SEX



HOW DO I CHANGE MY NAME OR LEGAL SEX?

FOR YOURSELF:

Fill out the *Petition for Change of Name / Sex* and *Judgment for Change of Name/Sex* forms for adults. Choose the options that apply to you (name, sex, or both).

FOR A MINOR CHILD: (You must be a parent, legal guardian, or legal representative for the child)

Fill out the *Petition for Change of Name / Sex* and *Judgment for Change of Name/Sex* forms for minors. Choose the options that apply (name, sex, or both). You are the Petitioner.

If the *Petition* is for a name change for a minor child, then after you file your *Petition* and get a case number, you must send written notice to:

- the other parent (if you are a parent) *unless* the child has not lived with the other parent *and* the other parent does not contribute (and has not tried to contribute) to the support of the child
- both parents (if you are not a parent)
- all legal guardians

After you send notice, complete and file the *Declaration of Notice* form with the court

WHERE DO I FILE?

Name Change – If you are filing for yourself, file in the circuit court for the county where you live. If you are filing for a minor child, file in the county where the child lives.

Sex Change – You can file in any circuit court in Oregon. If you are also asking for a name change, file in the county where you live (or the child, if you are filing for a minor). If you want, you can file separate name and sex change forms in different counties. You will have to pay filing fees for both.

Go to www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/Pages/default.aspx for the location and address of each circuit court in the state

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO FILE?

Go to <http://www.courts.oregon.gov/Pages/fees.aspx> for the filing fee

DO I HAVE TO GO TO COURT AFTER I FILE?

Not unless the court tells you to or sends you a hearing notice. In some situations, a judge may want to talk to you or to the other parent if the *Petition* is for a minor child.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The court will enter the judgment into the court's records (called the Register of Actions). The judgment is effective once it's entered. The court will send you a *Notice of Entry of Judgment*. If you want a copy of the Judgment for yourself, call the court to find out how to get one.

NOTE: The court will not send the judgment to any other agencies or recipients. If you want your (or your child's) birth certificate, driver's license, Social Security card, or any other record changed, you must provide a copy of the signed Judgment to each provider according to their requirements.

DO I NEED A LAWYER?

You do not need a lawyer to file for a change of name or sex. If you have questions about how the law works or what other issues may arise from a name or sex change, you may want to talk to a lawyer. Court staff cannot give you legal advice. If you need help finding a lawyer, call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or 800.452.7636.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF _____

In the Matter of:

Case No: _____

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF

NAME **SEX**

Minor Child (*current name*)

Minor Child

I (*name*) _____ am the parent, legal guardian, or legal representative of the child. The child is an unemancipated minor. I ask the court for a judgment (*check all that apply*):

changing the child's **NAME** (*use complete names. First, Middle, Last*)

from: _____

to: _____

➤ Notice to legal guardians has been provided as stated in the *Declaration of Notice*

➤ Notice to the other parent:

has been provided as stated in the *Declaration of Notice*
or

is not required in this case because the child has not lived with that parent and that parent has not contributed or tried to contribute to the support of the child
except:

 Notice is required but cannot be provided because (*explain and identify the person who is entitled to notice*): _____


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 changing the child's **SEX**

*to:*  male  female  nonbinary

The child has undergone surgical, hormonal, or other appropriate treatment for the purpose of affirming gender identity

I ask the court to SEAL this case record

The changes requested above are in the child's best interest because *(explain)*: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Petitioner (parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice to Parents and Legal Guardians  
of Petition to Change Name of Minor Child**

**Re:** *(name of child)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Case #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Petitioner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

A *Petition* is being filed to change the name of the child in the Circuit Court for the county named above.

Contact a lawyer if you have questions or issues about this process. You can contact the Oregon State Bar Lawyer Referral Service at [www.oregonstatebar.org](http://www.oregonstatebar.org) or call 503.684.3763 (toll-free in Oregon at 800.452.7636).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of:

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION OF NOTICE  
RE: NAME CHANGE FOR  
MINOR CHILD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor Child (*current name*)

I am the Petitioner in this case. I provided a *Notice to Parents and Legal Guardians of Petition to Change Name of Minor Child* to the following parents and legal guardians: (*list full names and address or method of notice*)

| Name: | Address or method of notice: | Date: |
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**In the Matter of:**

**Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minor Child, (current name)

**GENERAL JUDGMENT RE:  
CHANGE OF  NAME  SEX**  
Minor Child

This case involves a change of legal sex. At petitioner's request, the record is ordered SEALED.

The court finds that the child is an unemancipated minor and that:

**NAME CHANGE**

Required notice was given to:

- all legal guardians
- both parents (if Petitioner is not a parent)
- the other parent (if Petitioner is a parent)  
or  notice to the other parent is not required because the child has not lived with that parent and that parent has not contributed or tried to contribute to the support of the child
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEX CHANGE**

Petitioner has attested that the child has undergone surgical, hormonal, or other appropriate treatment for the purpose of affirming gender identity

The court finds that the changes ordered below are in the child's best interest

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**The court orders that:**

the child's name is changed: (use complete names. First, Middle, Last)

from: \_\_\_\_\_

to: \_\_\_\_\_

the child's sex is changed to:  male  female  nonbinary

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Signature:

**Certificate of Readiness per UTCR 5.100**

This judgment is ready for signature because it is submitted ex parte as allowed by statute

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Submitted by Petitioner

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Date

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Signature of parent or guardian

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Name (printed)

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Contact Address

City, State, ZIP

Contact Phone