



Frequently Asked Questions

Change my Gender

These frequently asked questions can assist you if you wish to change your gender information recorded by Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS). This may apply if you have changed your gender, including your biological sex as either male or female, or are intersex, transgender, or wish to be identified as gender diverse, indeterminate or of an unspecified gender.

What are the Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender?

Individuals may identify and be recognised within the community as a gender other than the sex or gender they were assigned at birth, as intersex, or as an indeterminate sex and/or gender. This should be recognised and reflected in their personal records.

The *Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender* standardise the evidence required for a person to establish or change their sex or gender in personal records held by Australian Government departments and agencies.

Do DVS support the Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender?

Yes. DVS has adopted the Guidelines in order to be consistent with the Australian Public Service values, in that all Australian Government departments and agencies will treat all people with dignity and respect, regardless of their sex and/or gender identity.

What is the difference between sex and gender?

Sex refers to the chromosomal, gonadal and anatomical characteristics associated with biological sex (male and female).

Gender is part of a person's personal and social identity. It refers to each person's deeply felt internal and individual identity and the way a person presents and is recognised within the community. A person's gender refers to outward social markers, including their name, outward appearance, mannerisms and dress. A person's sex and gender may or may not correspond with the sex or gender assigned at birth and some people may identify as neither male nor female.

What is documented on my personal records held by DVS, sex or gender?

DVS only collect and record gender information.

What gender can I have recorded?

Your gender can be recorded as either M (male), F (female) or X (if you do not identify as either male or female).

Are any fees payable to change my recorded gender?

If you are simply changing your recorded gender information, no fee is payable. However, if you have also changed your name you may wish to apply for a replacement driver's licence card that shows your newly recorded name. Fees apply for the issue of a replacement driver's licence card.

Visit [driver licence fees and payments](#) listed on the Department of Transport (DoT) website.



How can I change my recorded gender?

You do not need to have undergone sex reassignment surgery and/or hormone therapy to change your recorded gender. You must attend a Driver & Vehicle Services (DVS) centre, or regional DoT office or DVS authorised agent in person with the required documents and proof of identity.

What documents must I provide?

To change your gender details recorded by DVS, you will need to complete a [Change of Personal Details form \(P64\)](#) and provide proof of your identity by presenting the following **original** documents:

- one (1) Category B document, or
- one (1) Category A document, and
- one (1) Category C document.
- if your current residential address is not shown on the document(s) presented you will also need to provide one (1) Category D document.

Sex reassignment surgery and/or hormone therapy are not pre-requisites for the recognition of a change of gender. However, if you have undergone gender reassignment surgery to change your biological sex (e.g. male or female) one of the following **original** supporting documentation is required:

- A statement from a Registered Medical Practitioner or Registered Psychologist, or
- A valid Australian Government travel document, such as a valid Passport, which specifies your preferred gender, or
- An amended birth certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages, which specifies your preferred gender, or
- A Gender Recognition Certificate issued by the Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia, or
- A Recognition Certificate issued by a Court in South Australia under the Sexual Reassignment Act 1988, or
- A recognised details certificate showing an Australian Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages has accepted a change in sex.

If you **have not** undergone reassignment surgery, but are either a transitioning gender, intersex or wish to be identified as gender diverse, indeterminate or of an unspecified gender, one of the following supporting documentation is required:

- A statement from a Registered Medical Practitioner or Registered Psychologist; or
- A valid Australian Government travel document, such as a valid Passport, which specifies your preferred gender; or
- An amended birth certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages, which specifies your preferred gender.

Can I change my name at the same time?

Yes. If you wish to change your name, you will need to supply the following documentation along with your completed [Change of Personal Details form \(P64\)](#) and proof of identification document;

- one (1) Category B document, or
- one (1) Category C document.



- If your current residential address is not shown on the documents presented you will also need to provide one (1) Category D document.
- a Change of Name Certificate issued by an Australian Births Deaths & Marriages, or
- an amended State or Territory Births Deaths & Marriages birth certificate, which shows your new name, or
- a Marriage Certificate issued by an Australian Births Deaths & Marriages, if applicable and one (1) Category A document.

Will my driver's licence or WA photo card display my gender?

No. Gender information is not displayed on either card.

Can my gender information be shared with other Government agencies or departments?

Yes. Driver and vehicle licence details are shared with the WA Police for enforcement purposes. As part of this process your personal information including your gender is also shared.

Can I have this matter dealt with discretely?

Yes, our customer service operators understand the need for privacy, respect and awareness. Should you wish to have your matter dealt with in a more private forum, please ask one of our friendly customer service operators who will ensure your request for privacy is assured.