

Mail Application and Fee to:

Vital Records Changes
P.O. Box 30721
Lansing, MI 48909

**Michigan Department of Health
and Human Services**
www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords

Application to Correct or Change a Michigan Birth Record

If any information is unknown, please indicate "unknown". Incomplete applications will be returned.

APPLICANT INFORMATION **Must be 18 years old or older** **Copy of valid Identification required**

Full Name: (First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: City/State: Zip:

Phone: Email:

ELIGIBILITY

- Child named on the record (Adult) Legal guardian of the person named on the record
- Parent named on the record Legally licensed representative of the person named on the record

TYPE OF CHANGE OR CORRECTION REQUESTED

- Correct/Change birth record for adult Court ordered legal name change. (Court order required)
- Correct/Change birth record for minor Remove a person who is not the biological parent (Court order required)
- Name change for parents who have married after the birth (Marriage record required)

CHILD'S INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE CURRENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Full Name on Birth Certificate: Date of Birth:

Other Names Used:

- Adoption Legal name change

Place of Birth (City and County): Gender: Male Female X

PARENTS' INFORMATION ON CHILD'S CURRENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Mother/Parent Full Name at Birth: Date of Birth:

Father/Parent Full Name at Birth: Date of Birth:

CHANGES REQUESTED: Item as it currently appears	INFORMATION AS IT SHOULD APPEAR

SIGNATURE(S) REQUIRED TO PROCESS APPLICATION If correcting a child's name all parents listed on record must sign.

If correcting a child's name that is over the age of 15 and it is not court ordered, we also require the child's signature.

Signature of Person Requesting Change: Date:

Other Signature: Date:

PAYMENT Check or Money Order made out to the "State of Michigan" Application Fee is Non-Refundable

Application Fee:	\$50.00 (includes one copy)	\$50.00
Additional Certified Copies:	\$16.00 each	\$
RUSH Fee	\$25.00	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION Do not send original documents they will not be returned to you

Changes or corrections to birth records that can be made by this office are limited by law and are subject to very specific supporting documentation.

- In general, we require at least two (2) dated documents proving the correct information. Documents usually need to be at least five years old or older. Some changes require documents dated close to the time of birth.
- If you are changing the name on a birth certificate for a person over the age of one (1) and do not have documents to prove you have always used that name, you will have to petition the court in your county for a legal name change order and submit a copy of the court order to our office.
- To correct parent's information on a birth certificate we generally need a copy of the parent's birth certificate, marriage license or two documents dated five years old or older showing the correct information.

For more information on documents needed, visit our FAQ's on our website at www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords You can also call our Changes Unit at **517-335-8660** or email MDHHS-VR-Changes@Michigan.gov.

ELIGIBILITY

Must be at least 18 years old or legally emancipated. Legal guardians must include a copy of the court guardianship documents. Legally licensed representatives must provide documentation on official letterhead documenting that he/she represents the person named on the record and provide their state bar license number, along with client's identification

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT Do not send original documents they will not be returned to you

To change a Michigan birth record, a current valid, government issued identification is required to establish eligibility.

If you are correcting a child's name, we require identification for all parents listed on the record. If a child's name change is court ordered, we only require identification for one parent.

Please send one of the following unexpired identifications:

- ✓ U.S. or U.S. Territories **Driver's License or Identification Card**
- ✓ U.S. or Foreign Passport
- ✓ U.S. Passport Card
- ✓ U.S. Military Identification Card with **both** picture and signature
- ✓ Other U.S. or U.S. Territories issued document that meets the following criteria: Document must be unexpired. Document must contain a photograph and at least the following information: name, date of birth, date of expiration, signature, and address.

If you do not have identification as listed above, we will accept other documents to prove your identity. For a list of alternative documents please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords or call our office at 517-335-8666.

PROCESSING TIME

Normal processing time to correct or change a Michigan birth certificate is 5-6 weeks if all required documents are received. If we must contact you for additional documentation, the processing time starts when we receive everything needed. If you pay for RUSH service, processing time is 2-3 weeks from when everything is received. Processing time is not guaranteed. There could be situations out of our control that cause processing times to be longer or shorter.

Note: Applications sent to the Vital Records post office box with an overnight delivery are not received in Vital Records for three (3) days.

PENALTIES

Any person who willfully and knowingly makes false application to change a Michigan birth record may be fined and/or imprisoned pursuant to MCL 333.2894(1)(b) and (c)

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