

# Changing Your Legal Name

## Changing Your Title

Most titles are not controlled by UK law, these include Mr, Ms, Miss, Mrs and Mx. You can change your title without any documentation. Your gender and assigned sex do not affect what titles you can and can't use. Organisations should be able to update your records with your chosen title if you simply write to them and ask them to.

Certain titles (such as Dr, Prof, Lord, Lady, Dame, Sir, etc.) are controlled by law and you cannot change your title to them unless you are entitled to use them. You can include your title change on a deed poll or statutory declaration.

## Legal Name

Your "legal name" is initially the name on your birth certificate. You are free to change this name unofficially. To make your new name official you can use a deed poll (unenrolled or enrolled) or statutory declaration. All of these will give you the evidence in the form of a certificate to prove your name change. You will be able to use this to legally change the name on your passport, driving licence, bank account, phone contract etc. This certificate does not replace your birth certificate, it works with your birth certificate to show that you have legally changed your name.

An explanation on how to change your name can be found on the government's website at: [gov.uk/change-name-deed-poll](https://www.gov.uk/change-name-deed-poll)

## Updating ID Documents

It's not a legal requirement to renew your passport in your new name straightaway, but it is a legal requirement for your drivers license to be updated to your new legal name once it has been changed by deed poll.

## Further Resources

- [transactual.org.uk/names](https://transactual.org.uk/names)
- [genderkit.org.uk/article/name-change-by-deed-poll/](https://genderkit.org.uk/article/name-change-by-deed-poll/)
- [genderkit.org.uk/article/name-change-by-statutory-declaration/](https://genderkit.org.uk/article/name-change-by-statutory-declaration/)



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