
FAQs regarding Vital Records and Real ID

- **The name on my birth certificate is the Spanish version of the name I use (e.g., the name that appears on my birth certificate is *Juan* but I have used *John* since I was a child). Do I need a legal name change to amend my birth record?**
 - No. You do not need to obtain a legal name change if you provide two or more forms of acceptable documentary evidence* along with your application to change the name on your birth certificate.

- **I use the middle name listed on my birth certificate as my first name (e.g., the name that appears on my birth certificate is *Jennifer* but I have used my middle name, *Anne*, since I was a child). Do I need a legal name change to amend my birth record?**
 - No. BVRHS can amend a birth certificate to reverse the order of the first and middle name on the current record if you provide two or more forms of acceptable documentary evidence* along with your application to make the change on your birth certificate.

- **All my identity documentation contains my married name (e.g., driver's license, passport, etc.). Do I need to legally change the last name listed on my birth record to reflect my married name?**
 - No. To obtain a Real I.D. driver's license, provide Motor Vehicle Division documentation of your legal marriage and name change; no change to your birth record is needed.

- **I have obtained a legal name change by court order. Does my birth record need to be amended to reflect my name change for the purposes of obtaining a Real ID?**
 - No. To obtain a Real ID driver's license, provide the Motor Vehicle Division documentation of your legal name change along with a certified copy of your birth certificate.

- **The name listed on my birth certificate is spelled incorrectly. How do I correct it?**
 - In order to correct the birth record, you must complete an affidavit and provide two or more forms of acceptable documentary evidence* along with your application.

***Acceptable documentary evidence** is (a) an original or certified copy; (b) that demonstrates that a registrant has used the name desired at least five years prior to the date of the request to amend and within seven years of the applicant's birth; and (c) may include the following types of documents:

- Baptismal Certificate
- Tribal Birth Affidavit
- Cumulative School Records
- Voter Registration Application
- Medical Records
- Marriage Application
- Military Records including a DD-214
- Insurance Policies (Life, Medical, Etc.)
- Copy of Original Social Security Application SS-5

***If you have already amended an element of your birth record, a court order is required to amend it a second time even if a court order was not required for the first change.*