

## Selecting your Gender Marker

You can select the gender marker you would like printed on your U.S. passport. The gender you select does not need to match the gender on your supporting documentation such as a birth certificate, previous passport, or state ID. We no longer require medical documentation to change the gender marker on your U.S. passport.

You can select male (M), female (F), or unspecified or another gender identity (X) as your gender marker if you are applying for a U.S. passport book or passport card. You can [apply in person](#) or [renew by mail](#) for routine or expedited service.

Beginning in late 2023, you will be able to select X as a marker if you are applying for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad.

We recommend you use our [Form Filler](#) if you are requesting a passport with an X gender marker. If you are having technical issues with the Form Filler, you can [download the PDF version](#) of your form.



This image provides an example of how you can select your gender marker on a U.S. passport form.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to apply for an X gender marker using Form DS-11?



Visit our [Passport Forms page](#) for more information

about which form you should use. Children under age 16 must always apply in person with both parents or legal guardians.

## Do I need to submit medical documentation to change my gender?

You do not need to provide any documentation (medical or other) to change your gender, even if the gender you select on the application does not match the gender on your previous passport or other documents. Follow the steps listed on our [Apply in Person](#) page.

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## How do I replace my limited-validity passport issued during a gender transition?

Under our previous passport policies, if you were in the process of transitioning to a new gender when you applied for your passport, you may have received a [limited-validity passport](#) (issued for less than the full validity period of 10 years for those 16 and older and five years for children under 16). We no longer require medical documentation or a physician's letter as evidence of a gender transition.

To [replace a limited-validity passport](#) with a full-validity passport in this situation, submit Form DS-5504. To use this form, you must apply within two years of your previous passport's issuance date. You do not have to pay fees unless you are requesting optional, expedited service. If your limited-validity passport was issued more than two years ago, follow the steps on our [Apply In Person](#) page and use Form DS-11.

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## Why did the U.S. Department of State add the X gender marker for U.S. passport applicants?



We are committed to promoting the freedom, dignity, and equality of all people – including LGBTQI+ individuals.

We are taking further steps toward demonstrating this commitment to better serve all U.S. citizens, regardless of gender identity. You can now self-select the gender you want printed on your U.S. passport. The X gender marker is now available for customers applying for both passport books and passport cards.

## Is it safe to travel on a X gender marker passport?



For travel information regarding the safety and security of the country you wish to visit, see our [LGBTQI+ Travelers' Page](#).

## What does it mean to self-certify or self-select my gender?



It means you can select the gender you would like us to print on your U.S. passport, by selecting male (M),

female (F), or unspecified or another gender identity (X). You no longer need to provide medical certification or a physician's letter if the gender marker you select for your U.S. passport does not match the gender on your citizenship evidence or photo ID. Your citizenship evidence or identification document does not need to match the gender you are requesting.

### Do I need to have the gender on my birth certificate and/or driver's license changed before I can get it changed on my passport?

No. The gender on your citizenship evidence and photo ID does not have to match the gender you select on your passport application. However, the photo you submit with your passport application must look similar to the photo on your ID. Learn more about [Passport Photos](#) before you apply.

### How do I update the gender on a passport for my child?

The requirements to update your child's gender are the same as the requirements for an adult. Both parents or legal guardians must provide consent when [applying for a child under age 16](#).

### Do I have to submit a new photo when applying for a passport?

### If I have a court order approving a change in my gender, do I need to submit

**change in my gender, do I need to submit that with my application?**

**I followed the requirements on this page, but I got a letter requesting more information. What do I do now?**



Please follow the instructions in the letter. If you have further questions, go to our [Respond to a Letter or Email](#) page or contact the National Passport Information Center at [1-877-487-2778](tel:1-877-487-2778)/ [1-888-874-7793](tel:1-888-874-7793) (TDD/TTY).

**What if I want to change my name in my U.S. passport?**



**If I identify neither as male nor female, or I have a birth certificate, driver's license, court order or other documents in a non-binary gender, can I have a passport issued with a non-binary gender marker or no gender marker?**



**I had a bad customer experience. How can I complain?**



To make a complaint, submit your feedback online through our [Customer Survey](#).