

Legal Name Requirements

Do I have to use my legal name when applying for a title?

Yes. State law requires all applicants to use their legal name when making an application for certificate of title and registration to a motor vehicle. Your legal name can be verified by providing one of the following:

- A valid state-issued driver's license
- A valid non-driver state-issued identification card
- A valid Military identification card
- A valid foreign country driver's license
- A valid Foreign passport
- A valid tribal identification card (tribal enrollment card not acceptable)
- Other documentary evidence that confirms the true legal identity of the owner

How do I prove my legal name?

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- A valid non-driver state-issued identification card
- A valid Military identification card
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Do I have to send in a copy of my driver's license or ID card?

Applicants with an out-of-state driver's license or non-driver identification must provide a legible copy of the front and the back of the ID card.

I don't have a driver's license or identification card, what do I need?

A paper copy of any other documentary evidence that confirms your legal name will be required.

- A valid federal-issued Resident Alien or Permanent Resident Card
- A valid federal-issued Employment authorization Card
- A valid federal-issued N560 Certificate of Citizenship
- A valid federal-issued N550 Certificate of Naturalization

Does a business, trust, or corporation need to provide legal proof?

Yes. Documentary evidence is required to confirm the legal name. The owner can provide one of the following documents including but not limited to:

- Secretary of State filing
- Top section of the state or federal tax return in the business name
- Appropriate page within a trust agreement confirming legal name