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?**
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

**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