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Full Legal Name Requirements ● Oregonians struggling to prove their “full legal name” to DMV have more options under a rule change approved Sept. 10 by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

The revisions are intended to help applicants for driver licenses, instruction permits and identification cards meet issuance requirements that took effect July 1. DMV made the change after hearing feedback from customers who had multiple name changes during their lifetimes. The rule change took effect. Sept. 15.

“The most common scenario we’ve seen involves applicants who provide a birth certificate as proof of their legal presence status in the U.S., but their current name is different than what’s on the birth certificate,” DMV Administrator Tom McClellan said. “Prior to these changes, many customers had to obtain additional government-issued documents to prove the link between their birth name and their current name. We will soon accept additional identity documents, including a current driver license, to link the person to the legal presence document.”

Although marriage and divorce are common reasons for name changes, DMV encountered many other situations during the first two months that the law was in effect. People change names for a variety of reasons, such as adoption, blended families, and cultural practices.

“As various name-change situations arose, we looked for a way to ease the burden yet still comply with the law,” McClellan said. “We realized that expanding the list of acceptable identity documents would create more ways to connect a person’s current name to the name on their legal presence document.”

Under the new rules, DMV expanded the list of acceptable documents to prove current full legal name. The list now includes:

- Oregon and out-of-state driver license, driver permit or ID cards
- Canadian birth certificates
- Military documents, including:
 - U.S. Active Duty / Retiree / Reservist / Civilian / Military ID Card
 - Common Access Card
 - U.S. Uniform Services ID and Privileges Card (DD1173 and DD1173-1)
- Oregon Concealed Weapons Permit
- Tribal ID cards
- Proof of Age and Identity Letters issued by:
 - U.S. Pretrial Services
 - U.S. District Court Probation Office
 - Oregon County Community Corrections
 - Oregon Youth Authority
- Oregon Department of Corrections Release ID card

The rule change does not affect other requirements under Senate Bill 1080, passed by the Legislature in February 2008. The new law requires applicants for first-time, renewal or replacement driver licenses, instruction permits or ID cards to present DMV with government-issued documents that provide:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal presence status in the country – such as a government-issued birth certificate or U.S. passport, or foreign passport with U.S. immigration documents.
- Proof of Social Security number – such as a Social Security card, employment document or tax

document.

- Proof that the person is not entitled to a Social Security number, if the applicant is not eligible for an SSN – such as immigration documents that do not include permission to work in the United States.
- Proof of full legal name – the subject of today’s rule change.

These are in addition to previous requirements, such as proof of Oregon residence address, passage of tests and payment of fees. It is also important to know that DMV only accepts government-issued documents, such as birth and marriage certificates. Hospital-issued birth certificates and souvenir marriage certificates, for example, cannot be accepted.

“The steps required to obtain or renew a driver license or ID card are more difficult today because of increased emphasis on identity determination and legal status,” McClellan said. “Our employees are doing an outstanding job through this transition, and we believe these recent changes are a positive result of customer feedback and creative problem-solving. We continue to strive for excellent customer service as we implement these changes and help the citizens of Oregon.”

For up-to-date information, visit DMV’s ID news page here:

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/news/id_news.shtml

Legal Presence/SSN Temporary Permit ● Oregon DMV has completed programming to begin tracking the 90-Day LP/SSN permits issued to drivers who need additional time to obtain documents needed to meet the requirements of the statutes regarding proof of legal presence and SSN. DMV has issued these permits since July 1, 2008. DMV began tracking permits issued after July 31, 2008. If a customer is unable to get the needed documents during the 90-day period, he or she can get a 60-day extension. The extensions will appear the same way.

The following are examples of new permit segments:

PERMIT 08/03/08 EXP: 11/03/08 LPSS LP578990 (example of a 90-day)

PERMIT 08/03/08 EXP: 10/03/08 LPSS LP578991 (example of a 60-day)

In the first example, 08/03/08 is the issue date; 11/03/08 is the expiration date; LPSS is the permit type; and LP followed by six digits is the permit number. These permits are controlled inventory items.

Immigration Document Verification ● Effective January 1, 2009:

Senate Bill 1080, passed by the 2008 Legislature, strengthens the identity requirements for issuance of original, renewal and replacement driver licenses, driver permits and identification cards. The bill authorizes DMV to electronically verify with the issuing agency the validity and completeness of each identity source document presented by the applicant.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2009, DMV will electronically verify customer immigration documents using the Department of Homeland Security’s nationwide system called the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system. The SAVE system includes immigration status information from all issuing agencies.

For additional information, please call (503) 945-5000 or (503) 299-9999 (Portland Metro Area), or visit the DMV Web site at <http://www.oregondmv.com>.