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Name Change Filing Checklist

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Change your name and update your records.

Prepare

Chose the route (marriage, court order, etc.)

Gathered required documents

File

Completed the petition

Paid the filing fee (or waiver)

Filed with the court

Hearing/Notice

Published notice if your state requires

Attended the hearing if required

Received the signed court order

Update

Updated Social Security

Updated DMV / driver's license

Updated passport, bank, and employer

Notes

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