

Getting Started

Request for Name Change (Adult)

IMPORTANT: This getting started guide and the instructions are not legal advice. They are only meant to help you learn how to change your name as an adult. Your use of the forms does not guarantee you will be successful in court.

To learn how to fill out the forms and file them with the court, read the *HOW TO CHANGE YOUR NAME (for an Adult)* instruction sheet and the instructions on the forms.

Names of forms:	<p>Required forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Request for Name Change (Adult)</i> • <i>Order for Name Change (Adult)</i> <p>Optional forms depending on the facts in your case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Publication Notice of Court Date for Request for Name Change (Adult)</i> • <i>Motion to Waive Notice & Publication</i> • <i>Order on Motion to Waive Notice & Publication</i>
Purpose of the forms:	To ask the court for a name change. You do not have to file a <i>Request for Name Change</i> if your name has been changed by a court order (for example, divorce judgment) or by a valid marriage certificate. You would need to file a <i>Request</i> if your divorce judgment does not address changing your name.
Types of cases the forms CAN be used for:	Cases asking the court to change the name of 1 adult only.
Types of cases the forms CANNOT be used for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases asking the court to change your name if you are less than 18 years old are not allowed. • Cases asking the court to change your name if you have not lived in Illinois continuously for 6 months are not allowed. • Cases asking the court to change the name of more than 1 adult. • Cases asking the court to change the name of minor children require a different form.
Special information or papers needed to complete the forms:	Papers relating to your criminal record if you have one. A criminal record may prevent the court from changing your name.
Statutes covering the forms:	735 Illinois Compiled Statutes , section 5/21-101 through section 5/21-104.
Where to find the forms and instruction sheet:	http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/Forms/approved/ .
For more information:	<p>Read the <i>HOW TO CHANGE YOUR NAME (for an Adult)</i> instruction sheet that comes with these forms. You may also find more information, resources, and the location of your local county self help center at:</p> <p>www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/adult-name-change.</p>