



# How to apply for a name change in nova scotia

**1) You must be born in Nova Scotia**

**2) Complete application form:**

In person:

Service Nova Scotia, Vital Statistics Office, 300 Horseshow Lake Drive, Halifax

Online:

**If you are 15 years of age or younger:**

<http://www.novascotia.ca/sns/pdf/ans-change-of-sex-designation-15-years-of-age-or-younger.pdf>

Your application must include:

- a written statement confirming that you assume, identify with, and intend to maintain the gender identity that corresponds with the change requested
- a written consent from every person who has care and custody of you
- a written statement from a physician or psychologist who:
  - 1)** practices their profession in the Province or where the applicant is a habitual resident;
  - 2)** confirms they have treated or evaluated the applicant and that, in their opinion, the applicant has the capacity to make an informed decision about whether to make an application for a change of sex designation; AND
  - 3)** affirms that the sex shown on the applicant's birth registration does not correspond with the applicant's gender identity.

**If you are 16 years of age or older:**

<http://www.novascotia.ca/sns/pdf/ans-change-of-sex-designation-16-years-of-age-or-older.pdf>

Your application must include:

- a written statement confirming that you assume, identify with, and intend to maintain the gender identity that corresponds with the change requested
- a written statement from a physician, psychologist, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or social worker who:
  - 1) practices in the Province or the province where the applicant is a habitual resident;  
AND
  - 2) affirms that the sex shown on the applicant's birth registration does not correspond with the applicant's gender identity.

**2) Include all your old birth certificates (they will no longer be valid)**

**3) Submit application, documents, and fees in person.**

**Fees:**

\$24.95 per certificate amended (example: birth, marriage or domestic partnership certificate)

\$33 per short form certificate issued

\$39.90 per long form certificate issued

\*Cheques are payable to the Minister of Finance

## **Vital Statistics Contact Information**

In person:

Service Nova Scotia, Vital Statistics Office, 300 Horseshoe Lake Drive, Halifax

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