

Name Change Process Information
Name Change, Name Conformity, or Birth Certificate Correction
Which process is right for my situation?

Change of Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I want to change all or part of my name to a new name ○ I want to change all or part of my child's name ○ I want to change my last name and I did not recently get married ○ I want to restore my maiden name following a divorce after choosing not to do it when the divorce was finalized
Name Conformity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ My name does not match on one or more of my official identity documents (birth certificate, social security card, driver's license, passport, marriage certificate, or divorce decree) ○ An inconsistency in my name is prohibiting me from getting a driver's license ○ I was not born in Ohio, and I have an error or misspelling on my birth certificate ○ My child was not born in Ohio, and has an error or misspelling on their birth certificate ○ I was born in Ohio, but the name on my birth certificate doesn't match the name I have used all my life ○ I was in a common law marriage with no marriage certificate to document my name change ○ The name I currently use is a name on one or more of my official identify documents
Birth Record Correction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I was born in Ohio and I have an error or misspelling on my birth certificate ○ I was born in Ohio and one of my parent's names is misspelled or my birth date is incorrect on my birth certificate ○ My child was born in Ohio and one of the names if misspelled or the birth date is incorrect on my child's birth certificate ○ The error on my or my child's birth certificate is a true error, not a desired change or alternate spelling acquired after birth
Situations Probate Court Cannot Correct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I want to add or remove a parent from my child's birth certificate ○ I want to add or remove a parent from my birth certificate ○ I want paternity testing to prove the father on my child's birth certificate is not the biological father ○ I was married at the time my child was born, but my husband is not my child's biological father and I want to correct my child's birth certificate

The above information is provided as a public service to aid in providing an understanding of the process for Changing or Conforming a Name, or Correcting a Birth Record. It is an overview and should not be considered legal advice. It is recommended you contact an attorney for assistance in your specific situation.