

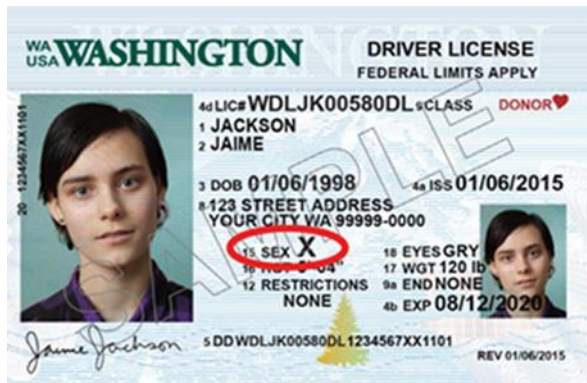
# Fact SHEET

## DOL to allow Washington residents to choose “X” as their gender on driver licenses and ID cards

Summary – Starting November 13, 2019, the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) will allow Washington residents to choose “X” as their gender on state driver licenses, instruction permits, and identification cards.

An “X” option allows residents, who do not identify as exclusively male or female, to reflect their lived realities on their primary identification documents. This change also provides consistency with Washington State Department of Health rules that allow “X” as a third sex designation option on birth certificates for persons born in Washington.

Washington will be the 17<sup>th</sup> state to offer a gender “X” designation on driver licenses and identification cards.



## Background

In November 2018, the DOL received a rulemaking petition to have more gender designation options on driver licenses, instruction permits, and identification cards for gender diverse, non-binary and gender non-conforming Washingtonians. The agency began proposed rulemaking in December of 2018. In June 2019, DOL held listening sessions in Seattle and Spokane to gather community feedback. In July 2019, DOL filed proposed rule language with the Office of the Code Reviser, and in August, held public hearings in Olympia, Seattle, and Spokane.

This rulemaking creates WAC 308-104-0150, which adds “X” as a third gender designation option on state-issued driver licenses, instruction permits, and identification cards.

## Questions?

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