



## Breakdown of Fees & Associated Costs for Legal Name Changes in Massachusetts

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Document Type	Fee Details	For more information...
<b>Name Change Petition</b>	Total Fee: <b>\$180*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filing Fee: \$150</li> <li>Surcharge Fee: \$15</li> <li>Citation Fee: \$15<sup>†</sup></li> </ul> Additional certified copies: \$20/each	<a href="https://mass.gov">mass.gov</a>
<b>Publication in Local Newspaper</b>	Varies depending on assigned newspaper. Estimated Cost: ~\$30-\$200 <sup>†</sup>	<a href="https://mass.gov">mass.gov</a>
<b>MA State ID Card or Driver's License</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50 for REAL ID / Driver's License (DL)</li> <li>\$25 for non-REAL ID/ DL</li> <li>\$115 for Out-of-State Driver's License Conversion (Class D or M)</li> </ul>	<a href="https://MassachusettsRMV.com">Massachusetts RMV</a>
<b>U.S. Passport First-Time Application</b> (or expired passport issued >15 years ago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passport Book: \$165 (\$130 application fee + \$35 acceptance fee)</li> <li>Passport Card: \$65 (\$30 application fee + \$35 acceptance fee)</li> <li>Passport Book + Card: \$195 (\$160 application fee + \$35 acceptance fee)</li> </ul>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov">travel.state.gov</a>
<b>U.S. Passport Renewal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passport Book: \$130</li> <li>Passport Card: \$30</li> <li>Passport Book + Card: \$160</li> </ul>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov">travel.state.gov</a>
<b>Social Security Card</b>	No cost.	<a href="https://SocialSecurityAdmin.gov">Social Security Admin</a>
<b>MA Birth Certificate</b>	\$50 amendment fee  Additional certified copies: \$32 by mail <i>or</i> \$20 in-person	<a href="https://mass.gov">mass.gov</a>

### Preparing to Pay at the MA Probate & Family Court:

\* If you are filing an Affidavit of Indigency with your legal name change petition, you are not required to pay the filing fee, surcharge, and citation fee at the time of filing. If your Affidavit of Indigency is accepted, you will not be expected to pay. If your Affidavit of Indigency is denied, you will be required to pay the necessary fees before receiving your Certificate of Legal Name Change.

† We recommend filing a motion to waive publication. If you submit this motion (without an Affidavit of Indigency), you will be expected to pay the filing, surcharge, and citation fees at the time of filing. If your request to waive the publication requirement is accepted, you may request a refund of \$15 from the Probate & Family Court clerk or cashier. You can find the appropriate contact for the court you are filing in here: [www.mass.gov/info-details/probate-and-family-court-contacts](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/probate-and-family-court-contacts)

## How to Get Financial Assistance for your Legal Name Change

MTPC provides up to \$500 in financial assistance to trans and nonbinary people throughout New England\* who cannot afford to pay the fees for their legal name and gender marker changes. These costs often exceed \$400 including court fees and the fees associated with updating identity documents. A full breakdown of costs in Massachusetts is included on the back of this page.

### To apply for financial assistance, follow these steps.

#### Step 1:

Find out if you are [eligible for the MA Waiver of Court Fees and Costs](#).

- If you **are eligible** for the fee waiver, you will need to submit the Affidavit of Indigency to the Probate Court along with your “Petition to Change Name” form. Continue to Step 2 and submit a request for the costs associated with all of your other identity documents.
- If you **are not eligible** for the fee waiver, continue to Step 2 and submit a request for both the court fees and the costs associated with all of your other identity documents.

#### Step 2:

Fill out MTPC’s Financial Assistance Form. Assistance is available for all of the fees and costs listed on the back of this page



Scan this QR code  
for Step 1.



Scan this QR code  
for Step 2.

\*MTPC provides assistance to people living in New England states other than MA when there are no other sources of funding available in their state. If you would like to see a chart of name change fees in other states, visit [masstpc.org/ida-network](https://www.masstpc.org/ida-network).