

How to fill out VR-448 — Application for Corrected Title Due to a Name Change

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For the title that still carries the name you had before a marriage, a divorce or a court order - or before somebody at a counter mistyped it. Maryland will not simply accept a signature in a different name from the one printed on the face of the certificate, so this is the repair that has to happen before the sale rather than during it, and it has an order of operations attached.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank VR-448 from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration at <https://mva.maryland.gov/media/541?f=VR-448.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Reason for name change	One tick from Marriage, Divorce, Court Order, Common Law or Error, or a written explanation on the Other line. Watch out: Pick the one that describes the document you can produce. The reason ticked here tells the MVA what evidence to expect in the envelope.
2	YOU	Owner's Full Name	The name you are moving to, not the one printed on the certificate. Watch out: It has to match the corrected driver's licence exactly. If the licence still says the old name, this application is premature and will come back.
3	YOU	Date of Birth and Driver's License Number	Two boxes beside the name, with a co-owner row underneath. Watch out: The licence number does not change when a name does, which is what lets the MVA connect the two records.
4	YOU	Current Residential Address	Street, city, state and ZIP, with a mailing address row below where they differ. Watch out: Tick the new address box if you have moved as well. It is common for a name change and a house move to arrive in the same year and the form handles both at once.
5	YOU	Current MD Title Number	First box of the vehicle row, from the certificate you are surrendering. Watch out: You are sending the certificate in with this, so copy the number before it goes. It is also on the registration card.
6	YOU	Vehicle Make, Year, Vehicle Identification Number	The other three boxes of the vehicle row. Watch out: All three are read off the face of the certificate. Nothing about the vehicle is changing here - only the name printed above it.
7	YOU	Name of Secured Party	The lender still showing on the record, with its address on the row underneath. Watch out: Leave it empty only if the record genuinely shows no lien. The MVA-use block at the foot chooses between issuing with the lien shown and issuing without it, and this is the box that decision reads.
8	YOU	This day of, year, and Owner's Signature	Three short blanks inside the certification sentence, then the signature underneath. Watch out: Fill the date into the sentence. An unsigned or undated certification is the commonest reason a straightforward correction takes two rounds of post.

What gets this one rejected

- Applying before the driver's licence has been corrected. The note at the top makes the licence the first step and this the second.
- Sending the application without the current certificate, which has to be surrendered with it.
- A business name change with no documentation verifying it, which the note asks for specifically.
- No copy of the newly issued identification reflecting the name change, which the MVA-use block at the foot expects to be attached.
- A reason left unticked. Marriage, divorce, court order, common law and error are five different evidential routes.
- A lender on the record and the secured party block left blank, which decides whether the corrected certificate issues showing the lien or without it.

☐ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off VR-448 (04-26) and the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com



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Note: Maryland Law requires that you correct your driver's license or identification card within 30 days of a name change. This must be completed prior to the issuance of a corrected title. The current title must be submitted with this completed application. Businesses must attach documentation verifying the name change.

Reason for name change (please check one): ☒ Marriage ☐ Divorce ☐ Court Order ☐ Common Law ☐ Error

Other please explain _____

Owner's Full Name

Rosalind T. Purnell

Date of Birth

07-19-1974

Driver's License Number

P-641-208-573-914

Co-Owner's Full Name

Date of Birth

Driver's License Number

Business Name

☐ Business Name has changed

FEIN

Current Residential Address

812 Snow Hill Rd

City

Salisbury

State

MD

Zip Code

21804

Current Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Current MD Title Number

41027365

Vehicle Make

Mazda

Vehicle Year

2021

Vehicle Identification Number

JM3KFBCM0M0357418

Name of Secured Party (Bank, Finance, Company, etc.)

Secured Party Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

☐ Please check here if this is a new address.

I/we certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made herein are true and correct, to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief. This *12th* day of *August* year *2026*.

Rosalind Purnell

Owner's Signature

Co-Owner's Signature

MVA Use Only

Record examined and issuance approved by: _____

☐ OK to issue and show lien

☐ OK to issue without lien (identification provided)

Type of Identification provided: _____ Attach a copy of the newly issued identification reflecting the name change.

Method of Payment:

☐ C

☐ CK

☐ CC

☐ Other

For more information, please call: **410-768-7000** (to speak with a customer agent).
TTY for the hearing impaired: **800-735-2258**. Visit our website at: **www.MVA.Maryland.gov**