

I Am Here: obtaining your identification and vital documents

Hungary

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National Identification Cards

What type of document can youth seek which will allow them to move around the country?

note: If there is more than one document that a young person should seek, you can duplicate the cards to address the questions for different types of ID!

You can apply for the Hungarian e-ID card, which is issued by the Hungarian Government. This card allows residents to move around the country.

Here is the link to the application process: <https://eszemelyi.hu/en/application/#eid-card-application-process>

Process & Resources

What is the process for getting a National ID card?

To be eligible for an ID or e-ID card, you must fall into one of the categories listed below:

- A Hungarian national.
- An immigrant.
- A settled person.
- A person recognized as a refugee.
- A foreign citizen with a protected legal status.

You should also know that they may be obligated to apply for an ID or e-ID card. If you fall into one of the categories listed below, then you are obligated to apply for an ID or e-ID card:

- A Hungarian citizen living in Hungary who does not have a valid passport or driver's license.
- An immigrant.
- A settled person.
- A person recognized as a refugee.
- A foreign citizen with a protected legal status.

https://nyilvantarto.hu/archiv_honlap_2016/en/personal_identity_card

Youth can apply for an ID or e-ID in person by:

- Visiting a document office or a Hungarian government office in Hungary.
- Visiting a consular service if you want to apply for an ID abroad.

For example, if a youth is a Hungarian citizen in Croatia, he/she can visit the Hungarian embassy's consular service in Croatia and apply for this ID card.

<https://eszemelyi.hu/en/application/#what-do-you-need-to-apply>

Youth can book an appointment to apply for an ID or e-ID card using this online booking system:

<https://1818.hu/home>

Where can I find information online about getting a National ID?

You can find out lots of information here on eligibility and the application process here:

<https://eszemelyi.hu/en/the-eid-card/#why-an-eid-card>

Documents

What documents do I have to have to get a National ID? Is there any document that I must have to get an ID?

You need one of the following documents to get a National ID card or e-ID card if you are applying in Hungary:

- A valid permanent ID card or an ID card that expired less than a year ago; or
- A valid Hungarian passport or a Hungarian passport that expired less than a year ago; or
- A valid Hungarian driver's license or a Hungarian driver's license that expired less than a year ago.

If you are applying for a National ID or e-ID card in a Hungarian embassy or consulate in a foreign country, then you need all of the following documents:

- A valid permanent ID card or an ID card that expired less than a year ago.
- A valid Hungarian passport or a Hungarian passport that expired less than a year ago.
- An address card.
- A birth certificate or marriage certificate.

Source: <https://london.mfa.gov.hu/eng/page/szemelyi-igazolvany>

If you do not have any of the necessary documents mentioned above or your information has changed, then you need one of the following documents:

- If you need to confirm your name, provide the government official with your birth certificate. However, if you were born in Hungary and your birth was registered, you do not need to provide your birth certificate.
- If you need to confirm your name has changed because you got married, provide the government official with your marriage certificate. However, if your marriage was in Hungary and it was registered in Hungary, you do not need to provide your marriage certificate.
- If you are a Hungarian citizen who has lived in a different country and are now returning to Hungary to live there, provide the government official with an Official Certificate on the Personal Identifier and your address.
- If you need to confirm your name has changed because you received a doctorate while in another country, provide the government official with your doctorate degree as well as a deed showing it has been naturalized in Hungary.
- If you are an immigrant, refugee or a foreign citizen with protected legal status or are a settled person, you need (i) your Official Certificate on the Personal Identifier and Address of Domicile, and also (ii) one of the following documents:
 - Your immigration permit;
 - Your documents that recognize you as a refugee or that recognize you have a protected legal status; or
 - Your document showing you have a settled legal status.

If you are seeking a National ID card or e-ID card and you are sentenced to imprisonment, being involuntarily treated at a mental institution, or in pre-trial detention, then the person legally acting on your behalf must get it for you. The person legally acting on your behalf must show the following documents:

- A letter from you authorizing that person to obtain an ID card on your behalf.
- The person legally acting on your behalf must present their valid ID card.

If you are unable to apply for the National ID card or e-ID card yourself because you are sick, then the person legally acting on your behalf must show the following documents:

- A certificate issued by your doctor saying that you are too sick to get the ID card yourself.
- A letter from you authorizing that person to obtain an ID card on your behalf.
- The person legally acting on your behalf must present their valid ID card.

You must also have a photo attached to your application for a National ID card. This photo must look like you and be signed by you.

https://nyilvantarto.hu/archiv_honlap_2016/en/personal_identity_card

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

If your National ID or e-ID card does not have your correct name, you can renew or replace your ID card. You will need your birth certificate, marriage certificate, or other official document showing your current name. <https://london.mfa.gov.hu/eng/page/szemelyi-igazolvany>

If your National ID or e-ID card does not have your correct address, you need to renew or replace your ID card with the correct address. You will also need to change your residential address card.

http://www.bmbah.hu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=72&Itemid=713&lang=en, under exchange of the permanent residence card.

What if I only have foreign documents?

You will need one of the following documents:

- A valid foreign ID card or passport; or
- A valid Hungarian or foreign driving license card.

If you are a refugee, a foreign citizen with a protected legal status or a settled person, you need the following documents:

- A valid document or permit that recognizes you as a refugee, a foreign citizen with a protected legal status or a settled person.
- Your Official Certificate on the Personal Identifier and Address of Domicile.

[Refworld | Hungary: Identity cards and address cards for nationals and non-nationals, including requirements and procedures to obtain the cards; description of the cards, including information included on the cards..](#)

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a National ID card?

If a Hungarian consulate or embassy in a foreign country rejects your application for a National ID or e-ID card, you can appeal the rejection within 15 days of the rejection. You must explain why you are appealing to the embassy or consulate.

In Hungary, you can file an administrative lawsuit against the decision with a letter of claim, which must be submitted directly, electronically or by post, to the decision-making body within thirty days of the rejection.

Residency

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a National ID card?

Generally, yes, you need to be a Hungarian citizen living either in Hungary or in a foreign country to get a National ID card or an e-ID card.

However, some non-Hungarian citizens are able to get National ID cards or e-ID cards. The following non-Hungarian citizens are able to get a National ID card:

- An immigrant.
- A settled person.
- A person recognized as a refugee.
- A foreign citizen with a protected legal status.

<https://eszemelyi.hu/igenyles/>

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

You need one of the following documents to prove Hungarian citizenship:

1. A valid Hungarian ID card.
2. A valid Hungarian passport. If your Hungarian passport has expired, you may still use it as proof of Hungarian citizenship for one year after it has expired.
3. A valid Hungarian citizenship certificate. This is usually only valid for three years, though.
4. A certificate of naturalization, unless this certificate is proven to not be valid.
5. The registry of personal data and addresses. Your data is included in the registry if you have a so-called address card or if you previously had a Hungarian personal identification number.

If you do not have at least one of the documents listed above, then you need to submit a verification of Hungarian citizenship application. To verify that you are a Hungarian citizen, you must make an in-person appointment, and you will need to complete several forms. The forms can be found at the bottom of the following website:

<https://newyork.mfa.gov.hu/page/verification-of-hun-citizenship>

Please note that Hungarian birth and marriage certificates are not proof of Hungarian citizenship.

<https://newyork.mfa.gov.hu/page/verification-of-hun-citizenship>

What can I do if I do not have residency in this country?

All Hungarian citizens can apply for an ID card, regardless whether they have permanent residence in Hungary or abroad.

<https://haga.mfa.gov.hu/eng/page/e-identity-card#:~:text=All%20Hungarian%20citizens%20who%20are,residence%20in%20Hungary%20or%20abroad.>

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

The National ID card and e-ID card do not list a mailing address.

<https://eszemelyi.hu/en/application/#eid-card-application-process>

Application Details

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

You cannot complete this application online. You must make an appointment at your local municipal office. If you are living in a foreign country, you must make an appointment at the Hungarian embassy or consulate in that foreign country.

<https://eszemelyi.hu/en/application/#what-do-you-need-to-apply>

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

There is no administration fee.

How old do I have to be to apply for a National ID card by myself?

You are eligible to get a National ID card at birth and before 14 years old. However, you can only apply for a National ID card or e-ID card by yourself if you are at least 14 years old.

<https://isztambul.mfa.gov.hu/eng/page/szemelyi-igazolvany> or <https://eszemelyi.hu/igenyles/>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

If you are under the age of 14, you will have both of your parents with you (or one parent and the other must provide written consent). If you are over 14 years old, then you are able to apply for a National ID card or e-ID card yourself either by showing your birth certificate (in case of the first ID) or showing your expired ID.

https://kormanyhivatalok.hu/system/files/dokumentum/pest/2022-06/kisokos-szemelyi-okmanyok_2022.06.15.pdf.

At what age can I get a National ID card by myself?

You can get a National ID card or e-ID card by yourself if you are at least 14 years old.

https://kormanyhivatalok.hu/system/files/dokumentum/pest/2022-06/kisokos-szemelyi-okmanyok_2022.06.15.pdf

Special Provisions

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

It does not appear that there are any special provisions for foster youth.

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

It does not appear that there are any special provisions for homeless people.

Testing and Permits

Will I have to take a test?

No, there is no test.

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

There is no test.

Driver's License

What organization issues a driver's license in this country?

Driving licenses are issued by the Government offices in Hungary.

Process & Resources

What is the process for getting a driver's license?

In order to apply for a license to drive a car in Hungary, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 17 years old to receive a category B (car) license.
- Be a Hungarian resident or have lived for at least 185 days in Hungary with a residency permit, or have a student visa.
- Have at least an elementary school certificate (eight years of education).
- Pass a medical aptitude test either with your General Practitioner or a private doctor.

You are able to apply for an AM license to drive a motorbike with a top speed of 45 km per hour if you meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 14 years old.
- Be a Hungarian resident or have lived for at least 185 days in Hungary with a residency permit, or have a student visa.
- Have at least an elementary school certificate (eight years of education).
- Pass a medical aptitude test either with your General Practitioner or a private doctor.

To apply for a driver's license, you will need the following:

- A complete application.
- Complete a theory course, which is typically 28-32 classes. After completing this course, there is an oral theory exam that you need to pass.
- Complete a practical course, which is typically about 30 classes. After completing this course, there are two exams: a vehicle handling exam and a traffic exam.
- Complete a first aid course, which is often offered by the Red Cross.

If this is your first license, then you will be on a two-year probationary period with some restrictions. For example, if on this probationary period, you cannot tow a trailer or, if you are driving a motorcycle, then you cannot have passengers with you.

If you are considered unfit to drive for road safety reasons, then you will not be given a license.

[Hungarian Driving Licences - Hungary - Angloinfo](#)

Where can I find information online about getting a driver's license?

You can find more information on the Hungarian Driving Licences - Hungary - Angloinfo.

Here is the link to the application documents:

[Documents - Driving licence \(magyarorszag.hu\)](#)

Documents

What documents do I have to have to get a driver's license? Is there any document that I must have to get a driver's license?

If you are a Hungarian citizen, you will need the following documents to get a driver's license:

- A valid I.D. document, such as a National ID card, e-ID card or passport.
- An address card, which is an official document certifying your identity and where you live.
- A test confirmation issued by the traffic directorate authority confirming that you successfully completed the oral theory test, the practical driving tests and the first aid test.
- A medical certificate saying you are fit to drive by your general practitioner or private doctor.
- Receipt showing you paid the driver's license administration fee (in case of the first driver's licence, there is no fee to be paid).

If you are not a Hungarian citizen, you will need the following documents to get a driver's license:

- A document confirming your country of residence, such as a passport.
- Residency permit certifying your identity and where you live.
- A test confirmation issued by the traffic directorate authority confirming that you successfully complete the oral theory test, the practical driving tests and the first aid test.

- A medical certificate saying you are fit to drive by your general practitioner or private doctor.
- Receipt showing you paid the driver's license administration fee.

[Driving licence \(magyarorszag.hu\)](https://magyarorszag.hu).

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

Your documents need to have your correct name and address on them.

First issue and renewal of a driving licence (mo.hu)

If your name is incorrect on your National ID card, you can renew or replace your ID card. You will need your birth certificate, marriage certificate, or other official document showing your current name. <https://london.mfa.gov.hu/eng/page/szemelyi-igazolvan>

If your address is incorrect on your address card, you need to update your address card before you will be able to obtain a drivers license. You can do this in person at any Government office. You will need meet either of the following requirements:

- You are the sole owner or beneficial user of the house/apartment. If this is true, you don't need any document to verify this, the Government office will check it in the land registry.
- If you are renting the house/apartment from someone, you must show a lease agreement and your landlord must fill out and sign a document called the "Landlord's declaration on the consent of co-owners."

For additional information regarding changing your address card, please see the following website: https://magyarorszag.hu/szuf_ugyleiras?id=c8942168-5c26-4f61-8c47-667e1378b7c3

What if I only have foreign documents?

If your documents are only available in a foreign language, you can still apply for a Hungarian driving license, but you must complete a few extra steps. First, you need to have your documents translated into Hungarian by an official translator. Then, you need to have a Hungarian notary public certify that your documents are valid. You can then follow the normal process for obtaining a driver's license.

[Ügyintézés szabadon \(mo.hu\)](https://magyarorszag.hu)

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a driver's license?

You typically will need to provide the required documents in order to get a drivers license.

However, you can challenge decisions made by the driving license authority in Hungary in court. This is a formal legal process, and you must submit this challenge within 30 days from when your application was denied. The application must be submitted to the Government

office that issued the decision you want to challenge. The Government office will forward the application to the court. You will need to provide the following information in the application:

- Designation of the acting court.
- Your name, address and your legal argument in the case.
- If you have someone representing you in this legal process, their name, office address and contact information.
- The name, registered office and legal position (example: defendant) of the driving license authority's representative.
- Information that is helpful to identify what decision by the driving license authority is being challenged (example: the registration number of the driving license authority's decision).
- The date and manner the driving license authority was served (example: were they served by hand or by mail?).
- Information that is needed to determine the court's authority over the matter, which means information to show why it is in one type of court rather than another.
- Facts and evidence showing how you were unfairly denied a drivers license by the driving license authority.
- What you are asking the court to do if you win (example: reverse denying you a drivers license).

[First issue and renewal of a driving licence \(mo.hu\)](https://magyarorszag.hu)

Residency

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a driver's license?

Yes. You must have been living in Hungary for at least the past 185 days to get a drivers license.

[First issue and renewal of a driving licence \(mo.hu\)](https://magyarorszag.hu).

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

If you are a Hungarian citizen living in Hungary, you are required to register your address with the Government office.

You will also be issued a residency card to prove you are a Hungarian resident.

[Lakcímváltozás bejelentése](https://magyarorszag.hu)

What can I do if I do not have residency in this country?

If you are not a Hungarian resident and/or do not have a permanent Hungarian address, you will have to submit a document certifying the right of residence (residence permit) issued by the immigration authority .

[Ügyintézés szabadon \(mo.hu\)](#)

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

If you are homeless, you may face some difficulties in applying for a driver's license because your address card isn't up to date. You need a valid address card to successfully apply for a driver's license.

If you are in this situation, it may be helpful to contact your district council's social welfare office to help you through this application process. They may also be able to help you gather the necessary documentation, such as ID and proof of residency, to apply for a driver's license.

https://ekoziq.mo.hu/szuf_ugyleiras?id=d34aa3a7-37da-47c9-86e4-43ae8c98afc1& n=first_issue_and_renewal_of_a_driving_licence

Application Details

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

If you meet all of the requirements to get a driver's license, you may declare that you wish to get the drivers licence issued automatically. This automatic process is done online.

If you are not automatically issued a driver's license for some reason (such as the road traffic register missing some of your information), then you have to actually apply for the driver's license. This application must be submitted in person at a Hungarian Government office, and it cannot be done online.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

You do not have to pay a fee if you are getting your first driver's license or if you get the drivers licence automatically. Otherwise, the application fee is HUF 6900. To renew your driver's license, it is also free if you meet the requirements for automatic renewal, otherwise it costs HUF 6900.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

How old do I have to be to apply for a national driver's license by myself?

To apply for a normal driver's license to drive a car, you must be at least 17 years old.

To apply for an AM license that allows you to drive a motorbike with a top speed of 45 km per hour, you must be at least 14 years old.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

<https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/hungary/transport/driving-licences/driving-test>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

You do not need a parent or guardian to apply for a Hungarian driver's license.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

At what age can I get a driver's license card by myself?

To apply for a normal driver's license to drive a car, you must be at least 17 years old. You can get this license by yourself at 17 years old.

To apply for an AM license that allows you to drive a motorbike with a top speed of 45 km per hour, you must be at least 14 years old. You can also get this license by yourself at 14 years old.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

<https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/hungary/transport/driving-licences/driving-test>

Special Provisions

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

It does not appear that there are any special provisions for foster youth.

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

It does not appear that there are any special provisions for homeless people.

Testing and Permits

Will I have to take a test?

Yes. You will need to complete the following tests:

- A medical aptitude test, which will be administered by your general practitioner or private doctor.

- A theory course, which is typically 28-32 classes. After completing this course, there is an oral theory exam that you need to pass. If you pass this theory exam, you will have your learner's permit, which allows you to complete the below practical course.
- Complete a practical course, which is typically about 30 classes. After completing this course, there are two exams: a vehicle handling exam and a traffic exam.
- Complete a first aid course, which is often offered by the Red Cross.

After passing the practical test, an examination certificate will be issued electronically and forwarded to the driving license register so that it is available when you apply for a driver's license.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

https://ekozig.mo.hu/szuf_ugyleiras?id=d34aa3a7-37da-47c9-86e4-43ae8c98afc1&n=first_issue_and_renewal_of_a_driving_licence

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

Yes, you can contact the local driving exam center to make an appointment for these tests. You can find a list of driving exam centers on the website of the National Transport Authority of Hungary.

Once you find the local exam center, you can call or email them to schedule an appointment for your driving test. You will need to provide your personal information and learner's permit details to make the appointment. It's important to note that you may need to wait several weeks or even months for an available testing slot.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

Where can I take the driving test?

The theory test is organized by the Transport Aptitude and Examination Center. The exam is taken electronically.

What can I do if I cannot get to a testing location?

If you are unable to get to a testing location, you can contact the relevant authority or testing center to see if they offer any alternative options. Some testing centers may offer remote testing options or accommodations for individuals who cannot physically attend the testing center due to disability or other reasons. It's best to check with the specific testing center or authority for their policies and procedures in these situations.

Additionally, you may want to consider reaching out to local organizations or community groups that offer transportation assistance to see if they can help you get to the testing location.

[Okmányok - Vezetői engedély \(mo.hu\)](#)

Do I need to get a permit or authorization to practice driving before I get my driver's license?

You obtain a learner's permit after completing the GP medical test, the theory course and passing the theory test. You must complete at least 30 hours practical driving lessons with a licensed instructor. Only then can you take the practical driving test.

[Documents - Driving licence \(mo.hu\)](#)

Birth Certificate

What is the document detailing a person's birth called in this country?

The Hungarian birth certificate is called "születési anyakönyvi kivonat".

I'm not sure I have a birth certificate, what can I do to find out if I have one and where to get it?

You can request a birth certificate if you were either born (i) in another country, and your birth was registered with the Hungarian state, or (ii) in Hungary. You can request the birth certificate from any registrar (in Hungarian: "anyakönyvvezető"). This means that you do not have to request it from the registrar of your place of birth.

How do I get a copy of my birth certificate?

You can request your birth certificate from any registrar in person, by mail, or online.

You can request your birth certificate online only if you have an account with the Client Gate system (in Hungarian: "Ügyfélkapu"). If you do not have an account with the Client Gate system, you can register here: <https://ugyfelkapu.gov.hu/regisztracio?lang=en>.

Can I order my birth certificate online?

Yes, you can order your birth certificate online. See our response to Question 3 for more details.

What documents will I need to get my birth certificate?

You will need a valid ID. This can be your National ID card, passport or card-format driver's license.

What happens if I don't have some or all of the documents that are required?

You need to have a valid ID to request your birth certificate. If you do not have a valid ID, please look at the "National ID" section to see how you can obtain a valid ID.

How old do I have to be to get a copy of my birth certificate by myself?

You have to be at least 18 years old.

If you are less than 18 years old, you can still get a copy of your birth certificate if you meet the following conditions: (i) you are married; (ii) you were 16 years old at the time of the marriage; (iii) you had at least limited legal capacity at the time of the marriage; and (iv) a guardianship office (in Hungarian: "gyámhivatal") had authorized your marriage.

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me to get a birth certificate (and the application says I have to have one)?

In this case, you can request a guardianship office to appoint an ad hoc guardian (in Hungarian: "eseti gyám") for you.

To find a guardianship office, visit the website of county-level government offices (in Hungarian: "kormányhivatal"): <https://kormanyhivatalok.hu/kormanyhivatalok>. If you choose a county-level government office, you will see that each government office consists of district-level offices (in Hungarian: "járási hivatal" or, in Budapest, "kerületi hivatal"). At each district-level office, there is an organizational unit responsible for guardianship matters. That unit is the guardianship office. The exact name of the guardianship office may be different for different district-level offices. A typical name is "gyámügyi ügyfélszolgálat".

What is the cost to get a birth certificate?

Nothing! You can get a copy of your birth certificate for free.

Is there a waiver if I cannot afford the fee?

Yes. You can get a copy of your birth certificate for free.

Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I have been in the foster care system (children in custody of the government)?

No.

Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I am homeless?

No.

Where do I get my birth certificate if I was born in another country?

If you were born in another country but your birth was registered with the Hungarian state afterwards, you can request your birth certificate from a Hungarian registrar (in Hungarian: "anyakönyvvezető").

If you were born in another country but your birth was not registered with the Hungarian state afterwards, you should go to the consulate of the country you were born in. They may also have the information for this process on their website. You will want to learn how to request your birth certificate, such as what documents you need, where to submit your request, and if there is a fee.

This process will be different for each country. For example, if you were born in France or are a French citizen living in Hungary and want to request your birth certificate, you could learn how to request a copy of your birth certificate at the following website:

<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1427#:~:text=Pour%20l'obtenir%2C%20vous%20devez.un%20officier%20d'%C3%A9tat%20civil.>)

Is there a way to get my birth certificate without going somewhere in person?

Yes. You can request your birth certificate by mail or online as well.

Where can I find information online about getting a birth certificate?

If you live in Hungary, you can go to your local registrar's office and ask them about this process.

If you live in another country, you can search for information on the website of the Hungarian embassy and consulate in your country.

Making changes to government ID documents

Name Change

What vital doc should I start with to change my name?

You should start with the National ID because you need it for other official documents (for example, driver's license and passport). Once you have updated your National ID, you can use it as proof of your new name to update your other official documents.

How do I change my name on my birth certificate?

Generally, you must file a request to change your name with the Government Office of the Capital City of Budapest (in Hungarian: "*Budapest Főváros Kormányhivatala*") in person.

The request must contain at least the following information:

- your full birth name;
- your place of birth;
- the full birth name of your mother;
- your personal ID number or, if you do not have such number, your date of birth;
- your marital status;
- your domicile or, if you do not have a domicile, your temporary domicile or the address from which you wish to communicate with the registrar;
- the type, number and expiry date of the document proving your identity and Hungarian citizenship;
- your sex assigned at birth;
- your citizenship;
- the reasons for the change;
- your declaration that the chosen family name does not infringe personality rights;
- your declaration on whether your birth name, marital name or the birth name or marital name of your spouse, registered partner or minor child has been changed before;
- your declaration that the chosen name does not violate the provisions of Act V of 2013 on Civil Code on names; and
- the chosen name.

Generally, you must also pay a fee to the account number provided by the Office. The fee is HUF 13,000 if you wish to change only your given name, and 18,000 if you wish to change your family name or both.

Once the Office has granted your request, you can request a new birth certificate, which will show the new name.

How do I change my name on my National ID?

If you want to change your name on your National ID, the general rules are as follows:

- Obtain a document that proves your identity. By way of example, if you have a valid National ID or any other valid document proving your identity, you can use that document.
- Obtain a document that proves the change of your name.
- Go in person to a district-level office (in Hungarian: "*járási hivatal*" or, in Budapest, "*kerületi hivatal*"), a government window ("*kormányablak*") or the Government Office of the Capital City of Budapest ("*Budapest Főváros Kormányhivatala*"). If you have no other valid ID, or if this is the first time that you request a National ID with a storage element, you can also go to the minister in charge of the personal data and address registry (currently, the energy minister). If you have Hungarian citizenship, you can also go to a consular service.

How do I change my name on my driver's license?

You need to renew your driver's license in order to change your name on your driver's license. You will need the following documents to renew your license:

- Your National ID and address card.
- Document evidencing name change (e.g., marriage certificate)
- Your current driver's license.

https://kormanyhivatalok.hu/system/files/dokumentum/pest/2022-06/kisokos-szemelyi-okmanyok_2022.06.15.pdf

[https://www.magyarorszag.hu/szuf_ugyleiras?id=d34aa3a7-37da-47c9-86e4-43ae8c98afc1&n=first issue and renewal of a driving licence](https://www.magyarorszag.hu/szuf_ugyleiras?id=d34aa3a7-37da-47c9-86e4-43ae8c98afc1&n=first+issue+and+renewal+of+a+driving+licence)

At what age can I change my name by myself?

You have to be at least 18 years old.

If you are less than 18 years old, you can still get a birth certificate if you meet the following conditions: (i) you are married; (ii) you were 16 years old at the time of the marriage; (iii) you had at least limited legal capacity at the time of the marriage; and (iv) a guardianship office (in Hungarian: "*gyámhivatal*") had authorized your marriage.

What can I do if I have a parent or guardian with to change my name and do not have anyone who can help me?

Under current Hungarian law, you cannot change the gender marker on your official documents.

In 2020, the Hungarian Parliament passed a bill that requires official documents to retain someone's sex as assigned at birth. This means that persons who do not identify with the sex they were assigned at birth cannot change their legal gender marker to match their identity.

This law was challenged before the European Court of Human Rights. The court held that the law violates the European Convention on Human Rights. There was also a similar case relating to this law before the Court of Justice of the European Union; the Court of Justice held that Hungary should allow the change. However, the law remains in effect and applicable in Hungary.

Gender Marker Change

What vital doc should I start with to change my gender marker? Is the process easier for one of the IDs?

Under current Hungarian law, you cannot change the gender marker on your official documents. See our response to question 6.

How do I change my gender marker on my birth certificate?

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How do I change my gender marker on my National ID?

Under current Hungarian law, you cannot change the gender marker on your official documents. See our response to question 6.

How do I change my gender marker on my driver's license?

Under current Hungarian law, you cannot change the gender marker on your official documents. See our response to question 6.

At what age can I change my gender marker by myself?

Under current Hungarian law, you cannot change the gender marker on your official documents. See our response to question 6.

What can I do if I have a parent or guardian with to change my gender marker and do not have anyone who can help me?

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