



## Gender X | Non-binary gender marker for Washington driver licenses, instruction permits and ID cards

The Department of Licensing (DOL) is proposing a rule change to offer “X” as a third gender option on driver licenses, instruction permits and ID cards. The agency held listening sessions, drafted language with public input, and is now ready to hold public hearings. We anticipate the change could be implemented by September 30, 2019.

### Why is DOL changing rule to allow for a third gender designation on Licenses and ID Cards?

As part of DOL’s commitment to ensuring that every Washington resident is able to use an identification card, instruction permit or driver license in order to get housing, transportation, education, or a job, DOL is creating an additional gender designation to accompany the “male” and “female” gender designation.

This “X” option is necessary to ensure that all Washington residents have identity documents that match their gender identity. Accurate and consistent gender markers on identity documents help residents of all genders access public spaces and resources, and reduce the risk of violence, discrimination, and harassment.

### Hearings Schedule

There are three public hearings scheduled to solicit input from people who may be affected by the creation of the “X” gender designation for driver licenses, instruction permits and ID cards.

**When:** Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Seattle Public Library  
**Address:** 1000 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**When:** Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5 p.m.  
**Where:** State Capital, Columbia Room  
**Address:** 416 Sid Snyder Avenue Southwest  
Olympia, WA 98504

**When:** Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Spokane Public Library, South Hill  
**Address:** 3324 South Perry Street  
Spokane, WA 99203

**Do you have questions or need a reasonable accommodation for the hearings?**  
Please email Ellis Starrett at [rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov](mailto:rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov), call 360-902-3846, or send paper mail to P.O. Box 9020, Olympia, WA, 98507 **by August 15, 2019.**