

Oklahoma Board of Nursing
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Policy on Names

- I. Purpose: To provide a consistent process for the use of **legal names** of an applicant or licensee/certificate holder as a Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), or Advanced Unlicensed Assistant (AUA); herein called “applicant” or “licensee,” on documents submitted to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (Board).
- II. Policy:
 - A. Applicants or licensees must complete applications/forms submitted to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing utilizing the full legal name of the applicant or licensee.
 - B. Individuals are licensed utilizing full names as designated by the licensee or certificate holder. The name may be a combination of first, middle name(s), maiden and/or married name, but must be at least three names. Applicant must include “NMN” if they do not have a legal middle name(s). An initial may not be used, unless it is the legal name.
 - C. The signature of the licensee must include the last name as it appears on licensure. The first or middle name or initial of the first or middle name must also be included.
 - D. Each licensee must provide certified evidence (affidavit, copy of marriage license, or court action) regarding any change of name within 30 days of the change.
 - E. For applicants, if the birth certificate or passport does not display the legal name, the applicant must provide evidence of a legal name change.
 - F. A *Name Change Request Application* is available in the Nurse Portal at: <https://okbn.boardsofnursing.org/okbn> under *Other Applications*.
- III. **Regulatory Authority:**

OAC 485:10-7-9, 485:10-10-11 and 485:10-15-10