



Questions and Answers:

1. Why is an X option being added?

“X” is being added as an option so all residents of the NWT, particularly those who identify as non-binary, intersex, two-spirit or transgender, can access government services in an inclusive, respectful way.

2. When will residents be able to choose the new gender option?

Residents can request to change their gender to “X” on driver’s licences and identification cards as of December 1, 2017.

3. Who can request a GNWT card with an X?

The X is available to all residents of the Northwest Territories who wish to have X displayed instead of M or F.

4. Why was the X selected?

The X was selected as it complies with the International Aviation Organization Standards which promotes consistency among travel documents. There are currently a number of countries that issue and accept these documents including Argentina, Australia, Columbia, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Malta and New Zealand.

5. Will the format of the DL number change?

The DL number remains the same.

6. Will there be a fee to make this change?

There will be no additional fee for an individual requesting a driver’s or identification card with an X. All regular licensing fees will apply.

7. What is the GNWT doing to ensure the new DL card with an X identifier is accepted by others that require it as a form of identification?

The GNWT has issued a news release that outlines a driver’s licence or identification card with an M, F or X in the "SEX" field will be valid and may be used to the same extent as it is currently used. In addition, the GNWT has informed all North American licensing authorities through the national organizations of Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) and American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), as well as Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

For now, U.S. states will vary on how they handle a license holder with Gender X designation. Some may accept it at roadside with a law enforcement stop but may not accept it for license transfer purposes or vice versa.