

Illinois Secretary of State – Non-binary Gender ‘X’ Designation

Pursuant to 15 ILCS 305, *The Secretary of State Act, Section 30 (new)*: Gender designations on forms and documents, beginning January 1, 2024, the Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) will allow individuals to identify as non-binary for their sex/gender designation when issuing Driver’s Licenses (DL) and Photo Identifications (PID). SOS will be utilizing the value of ‘X’ in the sex field of the physical driver’s license/photo ID card for non-binary gender designation. If the subject has changed their sex/gender to ‘X’, then the computer response from SOS will display a ‘U’ for sex.

This will change the way LEADS users inquire on Name, Sex, and DOB to retrieve the driver’s license/photo ID status. While the physical driver’s license/photo ID card will display the sex as ‘X’, LEADS inquiries require a ‘U’ in the sex field to properly search the LEADS Hot Files, the NCIC Hot Files, and the SOS driver’s license/photo ID files.

The systems available via LEADS will search differently when ‘U’ is entered into the sex field:

- ‘U’ is not a universal inquiry (“universal inquiry” searches all SEX values) for SOS, LEADS, or CHRI.
- ‘U’ is a universal inquiry for NCIC
- Sex is ignored when inquiring FOID/CCL.

Inquiry Identifiers	SOS NOTE: ‘U’ = ‘X’ on inquiry ‘X’ = ‘U’ on response	LEADS Hot Files	NCIC Hot Files	FOID/CCL	CHRI
NAM/U/DOB	If physical DL/PID has ‘X’, then inquire using NAM/‘U’/DOB. Returns status of the Driver’s License on file – Sex returned as ‘U’ IMPORTANT: Inquiries using ‘U’ do not ensure responses for all sex values. DL/PIDs may exist as only ‘M’ or ‘F’	Returns LEADS hot file records of subjects with sex ‘M’, ‘F’, or ‘U’ NOTE: If sex ‘U’ is entered for a subject in a LEADS hot file record, only an inquiry by Name, Sex/‘U’, DOB will return the hit	Returns NCIC hot file records of subjects entered with sex ‘M’, ‘F’, or ‘U’	Does not use sex in search. Will return matches on Last Name and DOB	N/A - Inquiries only possible with ‘M’ or ‘F’
NAM/F/DOB	If female and has not changed to X, then inquiries with ‘F’ will return the status of the Driver’s License on file If female and has changed to X, then inquiries with ‘F’ or ‘U’ will return the status of the Driver’s License on file	Returns LEADS hot file records of subjects entered into a LEADS hot file record with sex ‘F’	Returns NCIC hot file records of subjects entered with sex ‘F’ or ‘U’	Does not use Sex in search. Will return matches on Last Name and DOB	Returns records with subjects with sex ‘F’
NAM/M/DOB	If male and has not changed to X, then inquiries with ‘M’ will return the DL If male and has changed to ‘X’, then inquiries with ‘M’ or ‘U’ will return the status of the Driver’s License on file	Returns LEADS hot file records of subjects entered into a LEADS hot file record with sex ‘M’	Returns NCIC hot file records of subjects entered with sex ‘M’ or ‘U’	Does not use Sex in search. Will return matches on Last Name and DOB	Returns records with subjects with sex ‘M’
DLN/PID	Returns the status of the Driver’s License on file	Returns LEADS hot file records if the DLN/PID is entered into the record	Returns NCIC hot file records if the DLN/PID is entered into the record	N/A	N/A

