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## **Comments Received:**

The passport should reflect a person's actual gender, not the gender they were assigned at birth, if those do not match. Therefore, the Form DS-82 needs to request the applicant's current biological sex or gender. Current sex does not always match the sex shown on a birth certificate for a number of different reasons. So the Form DS-82 calling for sex assigned at birth is likely to lead to a mismatch between the person's passport and their correct sex in some cases. This could lead to unnecessary difficulty in confirming someone's identity, which is the whole point of the passport. This problem of course could be avoided by simply requesting "sex" rather than "sex assigned at birth."