Policy 5.00 Name Usage on Vehicle Certificates of Title

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General:
- The applicant's full legal name shall be defined as the given name or names as it appears on his official driver's license or identification card. No other name shall be permitted to be used unless the applicant provides proof of name change granted by a district court in accordance with the law.

Requirements:
- The applicant's name must read the same on all documents and must be validated with proof of the applicant's identification.
- For Individuals:
  - Names shall be recorded by the notary or Justice of Peace with the full first name and last name (Initials, nicknames, or pet names cannot be used for first names.)
  - Names must correspond on all documents.
  - No titles or ranks will be used as prefixes or suffixes to names (i.e., Dr., M.D., Ph.D., Col., Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.)
  - Suffixes such as Jr., II, Ill, etc. should be used when it is part of the legal name.
  - Except for the hyphen (-) and the ampersand (&), punctuation marks cannot be part of the name.
  - In care of (c/o) cannot be a part of the name.
  - Last names such as MacDonald, St. Pierre or O'Donnell must be entered without spaces or punctuation.
  - An abbreviated form of a name will be required when there are 28 or more characters in the name.
- For Businesses:
  - Names shall be recorded by the notary or Justice of Peace with the full name of the company.
- Names must correspond on all documents.
- Standard abbreviations should be used when required to define the type of business (i.e. Co., Inc, LLC, etc.)
- Except for the hyphen (-) and the ampersand (&), punctuation marks cannot be part of the name.
- Entities such as Estates, Living Trusts and DBA shall be classified as a business.