

# Blood Donation and Gender Diverse Folx

## Striving for a more inclusive, safe, and affirming experience

Prior to recent changes to the donor screening and eligibility process, many trans and non-binary folx were asked intrusive questions prior to donating. Trans donors are no longer asked if they've had gender-affirming surgery. Trans donors with a binary gender can register in their gender. If they were previously registered in sex assigned at birth they can change this in the GiveBlood app, or in a clinic.

Also, donors are no longer asked to verbally state their gender at each donation appointment.

At present time, legal names are still asked and recorded during donations. Canadian Blood Services is committed to making changes to their systems so that chosen names are the only names used during the donation.

Although diverse gender options are not yet available in the registration process, Canadian Blood Services is working on addressing these to make sure the process and experience is more inclusive for trans and non-binary donors. Currently, trans and gender diverse donors with a binary gender can now register in their gender and can make this change themselves in the GiveBlood app or by calling **1-888-2-DONATE**.



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