

## Requesting Use of a Nickname

The Commission Bylaws require registrants to practice in their name as it appears on their Certificate of Registration (their legal name).

Registrants may request to practice under a nickname. The Commission will approve your request provided the name you are requesting is your middle name(s), or a derivative of your first or middle name(s), as long as:

It is a bona fide name (NOT a marketing gimmick).

It is in English, using alphabetical characters, hyphens, or apostrophes only.

Using it would not mislead others or undermine the integrity of the industry.

If the name you are requesting is not a derivative of your first or middle name, you must demonstrate you are known by the name, by providing:

A Statement indicating how long and in what circles you have been known by the name,  
Copies of documents that prove your current use of the requested name, such as a copy of utility bill, bank statement, credit card statement or a void cheque.

The Commission cannot approve any alterations to your legal last name.