



Selective Service System

Information Paper

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SUBJECT: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT BASED ON GENDER ASSIGNED AT BIRTH

The Selective Service System (SSS) bases the registration requirement on gender assigned at birth and not on gender identity or on gender reassignment.

Individuals assigned male at birth and who changed their gender to female are required to register.

Individuals assigned female at birth and who changed their gender to male are not required to register.

The legal authority is based on the Military Selective Service Act (MSSA), which does not address gender identity or transgender persons.

Presidential Proclamation 4771 refers to “males” who were “born” on or after January 1, 1960.

Changes to the MSSA involving Selective Service registration requires Congressional action. It cannot be changed through Presidential Proclamation or Executive Order. As such, the registration requirement remains based on the assigned gender at birth.

For more information, please visit www.sss.gov to learn more about registration, exemptions, the alternative service program and volunteer opportunities.