

# **Name: Subsequent determination of a common married name after marriage abroad**

## **Competent Department**

- [Standesamt Bremen-Mitte](#)
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## **Basic information**

The law on names is regulated differently in each country.

If a name of the spouses is entered in the foreign marriage certificate, this is not always valid for German citizens. Consultation with the registry office is therefore recommended.

If you were not able to effectively determine a common married name at the time of the marriage abroad, this declaration can be made at our office.

## **What documents do I need?**

- Current original of the marriage certificate (multilingual or with translation) with apostille and legalisation by the German embassy if necessary

(please ask what is required)

- Current birth certificates of the spouses
- Birth certificates of the common children
- if this is not your first marriage: marriage certificate of the premarital period and proof of the dissolution of the marriage (divorce decree or death certificate)
- Valid identity card or passport

## **Procedure**

The relevant declarations must be made in person at the registry office.

## **Legal bases**

- [§ 41 Personenstandsgesetz \(PStG\)](#)

## **More information**

The birth and marriage certificates to be submitted should not be older than six months.

## **How long does it take to process**

No specification possible.

## **What are the costs?**

32,00 EUR Notarization for the use of a name in compliance with German law

65,00 EUR Notarisation for the use of the name in accordance with foreign law

108,00 EUR Notarisation of names in compliance with foreign law, if the content of documents requires verification by the German mission abroad

Certificate of the change of name, if this is first issued at or after the notarisation - free of charge

13,00 EUR Certificate of change of name for subsequent issue

7,00 EUR other certificates, if they are applied for and issued at the same time