

Name: Change of name for children - name assignment by a remarried parent and his or her spouse (naming in)

I got married and my child from a previous partnership should also have the new name.

Competent Department

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Basic information

The parent who has parental care of an unmarried child, either alone or jointly with the other parent, and his or her spouse who is not the child's parent may give their married name to the child whom they have taken into their joint household. They may also prefix or add this name to the name used by the child at the time of the declaration.

Requirements

- The child must still be a minor and unmarried.
- The child must live in the same household.
- The consent of the other parent may also be required.

What documents do I need?

- Current extract from the birth register of the child
- current extract from the marriage register of the declaring parent
- Consent of the other parent if he or she shares parental custody with the declaring parent or if the child bears his or her name
- Consent of the child, if he/she has reached the age of 5
- Identity card or passport of the person making the declaration
- Proof that no custody declaration was made, if applicable

(available at the responsible youth welfare office)

Procedure

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

Legal bases

- [§ 1618 Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch \(BGB\)](#)

How long does it take to process

No specification possible.

What are the costs?

40,00 EUR Notarisation of the declaration, if only German law is to be observed

73,00 EUR Notarisation of the declaration, if foreign law must also be observed

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

13,00 EUR Birth certificate