

Name: Name declaration for children - name assignment by the parent with sole right of custody

I have sole custody of my child and would like to give him the father's name.

Competent Department

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

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Requirements

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What documents do I need?

- Current extract from the birth register of the child
- proof of sole custody
- if necessary, a certificate of paternity with the consent of the mother
- Consent of the child, if he/she has reached the age of 5
- Consent of the other parent
- Identity card or passport of the person making the declaration

Procedure

The relevant declarations must be made in person at the registry office. The declaration must be signed by both parents.

Legal bases

- [§ 1617a Abs. 2 Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch \(BGB\)](#)

More information

The office responsible for receiving the declaration is the birth registry office.

How long does it take to process

No specification possible.

What are the costs?

40,00 EUR for the authentication of the declaration

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

4,00 EUR other certificates if they are applied for and issued at the same time

13,00 EUR Birth certificate