

Name: re-adoption of a previous name after dissolution of the civil partnership

I would like to take my birth name again.

Competent Department

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Basic information

A civil partner who bears a civil partnership name may, after dissolution of the civil partnership (dissolution or death of the other civil partner), resume his/her maiden name or the family name used until the civil partnership name was determined.

What documents do I need?

- Current certified copy of the civil partnership register, if the register is not kept at the registry office where the declaration is made
- Final 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

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

More information

The declaration can be submitted either to the registry office of the place of residence or to the registry office where the civil partnership was established.

If the declaration is made at the registry office of the place of residence, the latter will forward a certified copy of the declaration to the registry office that registered the civil partnership at the time.

The declaration of re-acceptance is processed at the registry office where the civil partnership was established.

How long does it take to process

No specification possible.

What are the costs?

40,00 EUR Notarisation for the use of the name

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 further certificate, if it is applied for at the same time and issued in one go