

How do I change my name?

Information for victims of violence or abuse

There are instances where victims of violence or abuse may wish to change their identity in order to completely remove themselves from their abuser and ensure personal safety. The following information, obtained from the provincial/territorial legislation regarding name changes, applies to all requests for change of name. If an individual feels the need to change their name for personal safety reasons, they should include this information in their application and request that the presiding judge waive the requirements that apply to publication of intent to change name and consent from a spouse or parent. None of the provinces stipulate that a lawyer must be consulted to facilitate a name change. Applicants may wish to consult a lawyer regarding their individual situation.

**Alberta – British Columbia – Manitoba – New Brunswick – Newfoundland
And Labrador – Northwest Territories – Nova Scotia – Nunavut– Ontario–
Prince Edward Island – Quebec –
Saskatchewan – Yukon**

Change of Name in Alberta

Relevant Statute: <http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca/documents/acts/C07.CFM>

Governmental help site:

<http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/797.cfm>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- A legal change of name can only be processed in Alberta for residents of Alberta. The applicant must be 18 years of age or older.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- Conditions are listed on the application form. It is advisable to contact a registry agent or the Vital Statistics office with your particular situation before beginning.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- Application forms can be obtained through a registry agent. Applications are completed by the applicant and processed through the registry agent. Applicants cannot be submitted to Vital Statistics directly.

What information is required for the application?

- Depending on the circumstances, presentation of identification, court orders, consents, dispensations, statutory declarations, proof of marital status or custody orders may be required.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

- The Director may refuse registration of a proposed change of name if in the Director's opinion the proposed name might reasonably cause confusion, be a cause of embarrassment to any other person, or be used in a manner that could defraud or mislead the public.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- The government fee is \$120.00, registry agents may also charge a service Fee, and the RCMP Civil Fingerprint Screen Services fee of \$25.00.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- One certificate is included in the application fee. Additional copies are \$20.00 each.

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Either a framing certificate (21.6 X 17.8 cm) or certified photographic print (21.5 X 28 cm) are available.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in British Columbia

Relevant Statue: http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/N/96328_01.htm

Governmental help site: <http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/name/index.html>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be at least 19 years old and have resided in British Columbia for at least 3 months prior to the date of application.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- Applicants will be required to have their fingerprints taken at their local police office or RCMP detachment. They will be forwarded with the application form and all related fees and documents to Victoria for processing. Following Registration of the Name Change, the envelope containing the fingerprints will be forwarded to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (in Ottawa) to conduct a criminal record check. A person intending to make an application for a change of name must give notice of that intention by publishing, within the period of 2 months prior to filing the application, a notice including the person's present and intended names. The notice must be published in one issue of the Gazette and in one issue of a newspaper circulating in the district in which he or she is resident. Applicants must seek an exemption from the Director if they wish to be exempt from publication.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- In British Columbia, application forms can be obtained from Vital Statistics Agency offices or requested by phone at 250-952-2681 or 604-660-2937. The application is filed with the director.

What information is required for the application?

- An applicant for a change of name must pay the prescribed fees to the director and must file with the director an application containing all of the following:
 - a statement of all relevant facts;
 - an affidavit verifying the application;
 - the consent of every person whose consent is necessary under the Name Act;
 - proof of publication of the notice;
 - further documentary evidence or information required by the director;
 - the name and address of every person whose name will be changed because of a change of name of the applicant.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

- The choice will be refused if the name that the applicant seeks to adopt might reasonably cause mistake or confusion or be a cause of embarrassment or confusion to any other person, or change of name is sought for an improper purpose or is on any other ground objectionable.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Initial application cost is \$137.00. Each supplementary individual included in the application is an additional \$27.00. Record searches are \$27.00 for each three year period searched, and the RCMP Civil Fingerprint Screen Services fee of \$25.00, and a fee of 27.00 for a change of name certificate.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- One certificate is included in the application fee. Additional copies are \$27.00 each

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Either a small certificate (9.5 X 6.4 cm) or large certificate (21.6 X 17.8 cm) are available.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- An inclusive charge of \$60.00 will be made for Rush Service applications for Change of Name Certificates, and Certificates or Photocopies of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. Rush services are processed within 24 business hours of receipt of the application. The 24 business hour time frame does not include Courier time, which will be additional. A certificate will be generated upon confirmation of a record held. If no record of the event is found, a fee will be charged for the search process.

Change of Name in Manitoba

Relevant Statue: <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/c050e.php>

Governmental help site:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/family/englishbooklet/chapter14.html>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicant must have resided in the province for at least three months immediately before the date of application and must be either 18 or more years of age; married; in a common-law relationship; or is a parent with custody of the child.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- The change of name must be advertised in the Manitoba Gazette, at the expense of the applicant. The Director may dispense with publication where it would cause undue hardship for the individual; it would be contrary to the public interest; or the applicant has been commonly known under the surname applied for.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- Application forms can be obtained by contacting Vital Statistics, via telephone at 204-945-3701 (toll free 1-800-282-8069 in Manitoba only), fax at 204-948-3128, or email to vitalstats@cca.gov.mb.ca. Applications are submitted to Vital Statistics.

What information is required for the application?

- An application shall include;
 - present and proposed name in full;
 - the date of birth, place of birth and parents' names of the applicant
 - and of all persons whose names are to be changed;
 - if the applicant is married, the full name before marriage of the applicant's spouse and the date and place of marriage;
 - if the applicant is cohabiting in a common-law relationship, the full name before entry into the common-law relationship of the applicant's common-law partner, the date the common-law relationship commenced and whether the common-law relationship is registered in any other jurisdiction;
 - the length of the applicant's residence in Manitoba, and the applicant's current address;
 - all consents required under this Act or a certified copy of any court order dispensing with consent;
 - the reason for the proposed change of name;
 - an affidavit of qualification and bona fides signed by the applicant;
 - evidence satisfactory to the director that any person requiring notification has been notified;

- information regarding previous legal changes of name under a

Change of Name Act;

- such further documentary evidence or information as the director may require.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

- The application can be refused if: the requirements of The Change of Name Act are not met; the director is of the opinion that the proposed name might reasonably cause mistake or confusion to any other person; the director is of the opinion that the change of name is sought for an improper purpose or is on any other ground objectionable; or the director is of the opinion that the applicant has made frequent changes of name.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Initial application cost is \$100.00. Each supplementary individual included in the application is an additional \$50.00. Record searches are \$25.00.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- One certificate is included in the application fee. Additional copies are \$25.00 each.

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Either framing certificates or wallet sizes are available.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in New Brunswick

Relevant Statute: <http://www.gnb.ca/acts/acts/c-02-001.htm>

Governmental help site: <http://www.snb.ca/e/1000/1000-01/e/change-e.asp>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be 19 years of age or older, or have been married.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- If the applicant is married, the application must contain either a written acknowledgement on a form provided by the Registrar General by the person's spouse of notice of the application, a statutory declaration on a form provided by the Registrar General that the spouses are living separate and apart, or an affidavit of service showing that written notice of the application has been served personally on the applicant's spouse. Once granted, the name change will be advertised by the Registrar General in The Royal Gazette.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- Applications can be obtained from the Registrar General of Vital Statistics, Change of Name Section

What information is required for the application?

- An application to change a registered name shall include:
 - the registered name of the applicant and the proposed name,
 - a certified extract of the birth registration of the applicant that
 - discloses the registration number, the date of birth, the place of
 - birth, the sex at birth and the names of the natural or adoptive
 - parents, unless the Registrar General is satisfied that the extract
 - cannot be provided,
 - if the certified extract referred to in paragraph (b) cannot be
 - provided,
 - the date and place of birth of the applicant,
 - the applicant's sex at birth, and the names of the applicant's natural
 - parents, or, if applicable, the adoptive parents,
 - the marital status of the applicant,
 - if the applicant is not at least nineteen years of age and is not or
 - has not been married but is a parent with lawful custody of a child,
 - the registered name of the child,
 - the date and place of birth of the child, and
 - a statement that the applicant is a parent with lawful custody
 - of the child;
 - the applicant's present address and the applicant's addresses for
 - the twelve-month period immediately preceding the application,
 - the applicant's occupation,
 - full particulars of any conviction of the applicant under the Criminal
 - Code (Canada) in respect of which the applicant has not received a

- pardon,
- full particulars of any action continuing in the court or in The Court of Appeal of New Brunswick against the applicant,
- full particulars of any previous changes of the applicant's name,
- the reasons for applying for a change of registered name,
- a statement that the information contained in the application is true
- and that the application is made in good faith and for no improper purpose,
- a declaration by a sponsor that
 - verifies the identity of the applicant, and
 - states that the sponsor has known the applicant for at least two years, and
- any document or other evidence that is prescribed or that is required by the Registrar General

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

- The application will not be granted if use of the proposed new name could cause mistake or confusion (for example, if the application was for the name of a person already well-known). It shall be refused if the change is sought for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other unlawful purposes (for example, if a change of name was sought to avoid a court order to pay child support, or to avoid criminal charges or financial obligations).

What are the fees for changing a name?

- The Fees vary depending on the type and number of changes requested in the same immediate family. In general, the fee for a change of name is \$125.00 for a surname change or \$100.00 for a given name change, plus \$25.00 for a long form birth certificate required by law. Applicants should check with the Change of Name Office for details.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- One certificate is included in the application fee

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Information not provided.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Newfoundland and Labrador

Relevant Statute: <http://www.canlii.org/nl/laws/sta/c-8/20080818/whole.html>

Governmental help site: <http://www.gs.gov.nl.ca/gv/vs/name-chg.stm>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be at least 19 years old. If under 19, a parent or guardian must complete the process. You must ordinarily be a resident of Newfoundland for at least 6 months.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- In Newfoundland and Labrador, application forms can be obtained from Vital Statistics Agency offices at (709) 729-3308

What information is required for the application?

- An applicant for a change of name must pay the prescribed fees to the director, as a published copy of the notice in the Gazette (if changing a surname), a birth certificate in the old name (a baptism certificate is acceptable if you were born in Newfoundland and Labrador and do not possess a birth certificate) and proper applications from each name change package as required.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Newfoundland Gazette \$11.40
- Name Change \$25.00

- New Birth Certificate \$20.00

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

• Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

• The fee is 20.00

What size/types of certificates are available?

• Information not provided.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

• There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Northwest Territories

Relevant Statute: http://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/PDF/ACTS/Change_of_Name.pdf

Governmental help site:

http://www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca/english/services/vital_statistics/change_of_name/default.htm

Who is eligible to change their name?

• Applicants must be at least 19 years old and ordinarily reside in the Northwest Territories. They must have resided there for at least 12 months preceding the date of application. A child's written consent is required if the child is 12 years of age or older.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

• In the Northwest Territories application forms can be obtained from Vital Statistics Agency offices online at

http://www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca/english/services/vital_statistics/links.htm#Application_Forms

What information is required for the application?

- An applicant for a change of name must pay the prescribed fees to the director and the original birth certificates must be included, and will not be returned.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Change of Name (includes one large certificate) \$ 125.00
- Each additional individual included on an adult application \$ 50.00
- Change of Name Certificate (duplicate) \$ 25.00
- Use of Common-Law Spouse's Last Name Statutory Declaration (certified) \$ 20.00
- Breakdown of Spousal Relationship Statutory Declaration (certified copy) \$ 20.00

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- The fee is 25.00

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Information not provided.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Nova Scotia

Relevant Statute: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/change.htm>

Governmental help site: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/vstat/change.asp>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be at least 19 years old and have been born in Nova Scotia or resided there for at least one year immediately before the date of application.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- Applicants are required to publish a notice of intention to change a surname. The advertisement must appear in one issue of the Nova Scotia Royal Gazette. The advertisements must be published within one year prior to the date of the application.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- In Nova Scotia, application forms can be obtained from Vital Statistics Agency offices or at :

Vital Statistics Office
Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations
Joseph Howe Building, Ground Floor
1690 Hollis Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2M9

What information is required for the application?

- An applicant for a change of name must pay the prescribed fees to the Director and
 - A birth certificate for each person whose name is to be changed if born outside Nova Scotia.
 - Immigration documents if born outside Canada (Record of Landing)
 - Marriage certificate if the marriage occurred elsewhere in Canada (not in Nova Scotia). The certificate must have been issued by the provincial or territorial Vital Statistics office.
 - Detailed birth certificates showing parentage for minor children born outside Nova Scotia.
 - All birth certificates issued prior to the change of name

Documents in other languages will need an official translation.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Change of Name (one person): \$144.70 (no tax charged). This fee includes one change of name certificate showing all name changes.
- Each additional change: \$21.76 (no tax charged), such as marriage registration, spouse's name, children's names.
- Notice of intention to change surname: \$25.83 payable to the Department of Justice.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- Information not provided.

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Information not provided.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Nunavut

Relevant statute: <http://www.canlii.org/nu/laws/sta/c-3/20070904/whole.html>

Government help site: <http://www.nucj.ca/changename.htm>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be at least 19 years old, or under 19 and married. Children's names can be changed with a parent or guardian's consent. If the child is over 12, they must give their written consent.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- In Nunavut, application forms can be obtained from Vital Statistics Agency offices at

Vital Statistics
Department of Health and Social Services
Government of Nunavut
Bag 003 Rankin Inlet, Nunavut X0C 0G0
Tel: (867) 645-8002
Fax: (867) 645-8092

Or online at <http://www.nucj.ca/changename.htm>

What information is required for the application?

- An applicant for a change of name must pay the prescribed fees to the Director as well as a Birth Certificate or a Baptismal Certificate as well as two pieces of identification or someone who has known the Applicant for a long time present to vouch for them.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Information not provided.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- Information not provided.

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Information not provided.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Ontario

Relevant Statute: <http://www.search.e-laws.gov.on.ca/en/isysquery/8ce78d33-5cb9-4ffc-a686-933cc8a5a4c9/3/frame/?search=browseStatutes&context=>

Governmental help site:

http://www.ontario.ca/en/information_bundle/individuals/119596

Who is eligible to change their name?

- A person at least sixteen years of age who has been ordinarily resident in Ontario for at least one year immediately before making the application may apply to the Registrar General to change his or her forename or surname or both.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- The chosen name must have both a forename and a surname. An application shall be accompanied by a police records check that is prepared and certified by an employee of an Ontario police force. The change of name must be advertised in the Ontario Gazette, unless the change of name is to be kept confidential to prevent significant harm to the person to whose name the application relates.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- Applications can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Registrar General via telephone, 1-800-461-2156 or 416-325-8305.

What information is required for the application?

- An application shall include;
 - All birth certificates and previous change of name certificates of each person whose name is to be changed.
 - A statement by a guarantor who knows the applicant and can confirm that the applicant has lived in Ontario for at least one year prior to the application date.
 - A marriage certificate, a divorce certificate, an annulment certificate or a death certificate of spouse, or joint declaration of conjugal relationship, if you elect to change your name.
 - Proof of notice to your spouse if you are married and are formally changing your name.
 - Proof of custody and written consent from all those who have custody if you are changing your child's name.

- Proof of notice to every person who is lawfully entitled to have access to the child.
- Written consent of the child, if the child is 12 to 18 years old.
- The required fee.
- Other documents may be required, depending on the circumstances.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

- If the Registrar General believes on reasonable grounds that an applicant seeks the change of name for an improper purpose, the Registrar General shall refuse the application.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Initial application cost is \$137.00. Five year record searches are \$25.00

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- One certificate is included in the application fee. Additional copies are between \$15.00 - \$22.00 each, depending on size.

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Either a certificate (17.7 x 21 cm) or a certified copy (21.6 x 35.6 cm) are available.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Prince Edward Island

Relevant Statute: http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/statutes/pdf/c-03_1.pdf

Governmental help site:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/health/index.php3?number=1020359&lang=E>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and resided in the province for at least 3 months immediately before the application. A parent or guardian may apply for a name change for a child. Children aged 12 and older must provide written consent.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- You may obtain a Change of Name application form by contacting the Vital Statistics Office in Montague at 902.838.0880 or toll-free at 1.877.320.1253.

What information is required for the application?

- An applicant for a change of name must pay the prescribed fees to the Director, and the information required is to be provided in the Applications.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Administering of a Change of Name (over 18 years) \$192.05
- Registering a Change Name that has taken place outside the province \$25.00

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- Information not provided

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Information not provided

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Quebec

Relevant Statute: <http://www.canlii.org/en/qc/laws/regu/oc-1592-93-1993-go-2-6209/latest/oc-1592-93-1993-go-2-6209.html>

Governmental help site:

<http://www.etatcivil.gouv.qc.ca/en/change-name.html>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Persons applying to the Registrar of Civil Status for a change of name must be Canadian citizens of full age and have been living in Quebec for at least one year.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- Change of name must be advertised by applicant, in both the Gazette officielle du Québec and a local newspaper.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- All applications for a change of name must be made in writing to the Registrar of Civil Status by means of a form. The payment must accompany the application. Application forms can be obtained through a request by mail, or via telephone, 1 800 567-3900.

What information is required for the application?

- An application to change the name of a person of full age must include the following information:

- the applicant's name, as recorded on the act of birth, the name applied for and the name being used on the date on which the application is submitted;
- the applicant's sex;
- the applicant's date and place of birth and the place where the birth was registered;
- the applicant's address on the date on which the application is submitted and the number of years the applicant has been living in Quebec;
- the date on which the applicant, if born outside Canada, became a Canadian citizen;
- the name of the applicant's father and mother;
- the applicant's marital status and, if the applicant is married, the spouse's name and the date and place of their marriage;

- the names of the applicant's children, if any, as well as their date of birth and the name of each child's other parent;
- if the applicant's name has been changed following a judicial or administrative decision, the applicant's name before that decision or, if a change of name was refused, the reasons for the refusal; and the reasons for which the applicant is applying for a change of name.
- a copy of the acts of birth, marriage and death referred to in the application, where they were drawn up outside Quebec;
- a copy of the certificates of Canadian citizenship of the applicant and of the minor child for whom the change of name is applied for, if they were born outside Canada;
- a copy of the applicant's absolute decree of divorce or certificate of divorce, if the applicant is divorced;
- a copy of the judgment declaring the nullity of the applicant's marriage, where applicable;
- a copy of the previous decisions changing the names of the applicant and of the minor child for whom the change of name is applied for, if their names have been changed before; and
- if the minor child for whom the change of name is applied for has a tutor, a copy of the judgment appointing the tutor or, if the tutor was appointed by will or by a declaration filed with the Public Curator in accordance with article 200 of the Civil Code of Quebec, a copy of the will or declaration.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

- No explicit restrictions, changes are subject to judicial approval.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Initial application cost is \$125.00. Each supplementary child is \$25.00.

The notices in the Gazette officielle du Québec cost \$76.00.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- One certificate is included in the application fee. Additional copies are \$10.00 each.

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Information not provided

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.

Change of Name in Saskatchewan

Relevant Statute:

<http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/English/Statutes/Statutes/C6-1.pdf>

Governmental help site:

<http://www.isc.ca/Default.aspx?DN=2016,2010,10,1,Documents>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be at least 18 years, a resident in Saskatchewan and have actually resided in Saskatchewan for at least three consecutive months in the 12-month period preceding the date of his or her application, and be legally entitled to remain in Canada.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

- If the applicant is married, they must provide an affidavit stating that the spouses are living separate and apart from each other, or their spouse must be notified. The change of name must be advertised in the Saskatchewan Gazette. There is a fee of \$10.70 for advertising the change of name (for the first name on the application. Subsequent names cost \$3.21 each).

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- Application forms can be obtained by contacting Vital Statistics, Saskatchewan Health via telephone at 306-787-3092 (toll free 1-800-458-1179 in Sask. only), or fax at 306-787-2288. Applications are submitted to Vital Statistics.

What information is required for the application?

- Applications must include:
 - proof of residency for yourself and everyone whose name;
 - appears on the application, usually consisting of copies of your Saskatchewan health services card (s);

- an official birth certificate for each person whose name is to be changed if born in Canada or the United States; if born elsewhere, official certificates of Canadian Citizenship or official Immigration documents must be submitted;
- an official marriage certificate, if you are married;
- an official death certificate for your spouse, if you are widowed;
- an official or certified photocopy of the Decree Absolute or Certificate of Divorce, if you are divorced;
- an official or certified photocopy of any Agreement, Judgment, Decree Nisi or other Court Order granted with respect to the lawful custody of any child(ren) named in the application.
- As part of the change of name application, you will need to complete an affidavit of qualifications and bona fides and sign it before a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Oaths in and for Saskatchewan declaring that the statements made in the application for change of name are true.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

- The director may, by order, annul a change of name or a registration made pursuant to the change of Name Act if satisfied that a change of name has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- Initial application cost is \$125.00. This does not include the advertising fees of \$10.70 for the first name on the application, and \$3.21 per subsequent names. Record searches are \$20.00 for each three year period searched.

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

- Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

- One certificate is included in the application fee. Additional copies are \$20.00 each.

What size/types of certificates are available?

- Only one size (21.5 x 35.4 cm) is available.

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

- \$30.00 for same day service. The certificates or photocopies will be available for pick-up same day during regular business hours or will be forwarded by courier to the applicant (additional cost).

Change of Name in Yukon

Relevant Statutes: <http://www.canlii.org/yk/laws/sta/28/20060728/whole.html> (Act)

<http://www.canlii.org/yk/laws/sta/28/20060728/whole.html> (Regulations)

Governmental help site:

<http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/programs/vitalstats/changename/>

Who is eligible to change their name?

- Applicants must be at least 19 years old, or married or widowed, and have resided in Yukon for at least 3 months preceding the date of application.

Are there additional conditions that must be met to change a name?

Most jurisdictions have specific qualifications. In general, the name should not cause confusion and must not be used for fraudulent, misrepresentational or other improper purposes. In most jurisdictions changes of name are published, but the publication requirement may be waived in certain cases.

How does someone change their name?

In the province where they reside, the applicant must make an application for a change of name pursuant to *The Name Act*.

- In Yukon, application forms can be obtained from Vital Statistics Agency offices

What information is required for the application?

- An applicant for a change of name must pay the prescribed fees to the director and
 - a. any consent, notice or court order required under this Act,
 - b. an affidavit of qualification signed by the applicant, and
 - c. any evidence or documents as may be prescribed in the regulations.

Are there restrictions on choices for a change of name?

In general, the name must be written entirely in characters of the Roman alphabet, the surname can contain no more than two names hyphenated or combined, and the changed name must consist of at least one given name and a surname.

What are the fees for changing a name?

- The fee is \$50.00 plus 17.50 for each family member after the initial change of name

How to get a new birth certificate once the change of name is completed?

• Once you receive notification that the change of name is complete you can apply to the province of birth for a birth certificate in the new name. It is advisable to include a photocopy of the change of name along with the Application for Service Form.

What is the fee for a certificate?

• Information not provided

What size/types of certificates are available?

• Information not provided

Is there a fee for rush delivery?

• There are no stated provisions for rush delivery.