

Changing Your Name



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Our experts will ensure the process of changing your name is quick and easy for you.

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People decide to change their name for many reasons. At Hegarty Solicitors we are able to change your name for you very quickly by completing a document called a Change of Name Deed.

This guide explains who can change their name and what they need to do to this.

Who can change their name?

Anyone over the age of 16 can change their name. If you are changing a child's name (under 16 years old) a letter of consent signed by everyone with parental responsibility must be provided.

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What to do

We often help people who need to change their name urgently so we will try to see them very quickly. Please call us to make an appointment.

You must come in person to change your name and bring the following documents:

- Birth certificate.
- Two forms of identification — One must be photographic identification such as a passport or driving licence. The other identification must be less than three months old and show your address such as a bank statement or utility bill.
- If you are divorced you must also show your decree absolute. If you have been divorced more than once, we will also need to see your previous decree absolutes.
- For civil partners, we will need to see either your civil partnership certificate or dissolution certificate.

Creating the Change of Name Deed

We will carefully check the documents are correct and then complete a Change of Name Deed. The Change of Name Deed is valid as soon as it is signed.

What name can you take?

People are often surprised to hear that they can take on any name they wish, so long as it is not intended to deceive or defraud another person.

How quickly can you change your name?

If you bring with you the correct documents we aim to create the Change of Name Deed within 30 minutes.

At Hegarty Solicitors as part of our service we will provide you with 10 certified copies and offer to store your original documents and copies free of charge.



'I highly recommend Hegarty Solicitors. Their people are always pleasant to deal with, understanding, open and helpful.' Family Law Client

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