



# Have you changed your name?

- If your name has changed and you need a new passport issued in that name, you must present:
  - a completed full application form (not a renewal)
  - original documents to support your identity and citizenship
  - original documents supporting and/or connecting your new name with that on your previous passport or your name at birth or acquisition of Australian citizenship.
- You may be eligible for a free replacement passport in your new name, provided your current passport has at least two years validity remaining, and your name change occurred for one of the following reasons:
  - altered marital, registered relationship or de facto status
  - the death of your spouse/partner
  - gender transition.

The name in your passport must match the name on your birth certificate, Australian citizenship certificate or your most recently issued Australian passport (provided this was issued after 20 August 1986 with at least two years validity), unless you have changed that name through an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (RBDM) or the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

You must show proof of any new name(s), including spelling changes, when you apply for a new passport.

If you hold a passport with at least two years validity remaining, and you change your family name to reflect your new relationship status, or any of your names following gender transition, you can apply for a replacement passport in your new name to be issued free of charge. The replacement passport will have the same expiry date as your original passport. You may need to provide additional documentation in order for the fee to be waived.

The table below lists different name change circumstances and the documentation required.

If you were born in Australia or are living in Australia and you:	You must present:
marry or enter a registered relationship in Australia and wish to assume your partner's family name or add it to your own	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a marriage or registered relationship certificate issued by an Australian RBDM (a celebrant's certificate is not acceptable)</li> <li>• plus any documents that may be necessary to link your new name with the name on your previous passport, birth certificate or citizenship certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Plus, for free replacement passport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no additional documents</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> If you wish to change your given name(s) in addition to your family name, you must provide an Australian RBDM name change certificate for your new given name(s)</p>
marry or enter a registered relationship overseas and wish to assume your partner's family name or add it to your own	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an Australian RBDM name change certificate, because your marriage or entry into a relationship overseas cannot be registered by an Australian RBDM</li> </ul>
<b>Plus, for free replacement passport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your foreign marriage or registered relationship certificate, translated if necessary, as this shows that your name change is related to your marriage or registered relationship</li> </ul>

enter or revoke a de facto relationship and decide to change your family name to match or include your partner's family name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an Australian RBDM name change certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Plus, for free replacement passport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a completed Form B-11 'General declaration by passport applicant' (available at <a href="http://www.passports.gov.au">www.passports.gov.au</a>) and evidence of your relationship, such as lease or property documents</li> </ul>
revert to a former family name after divorce or the revocation of a registered relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>documents that link your current and former family name/s such as marriage, registered relationship, birth or citizenship certificates</li> </ul>
<b>Plus, for free replacement passport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a decree nisi or RBDM revocation of registered relationship certificate</li> </ul>
revert to a former family name after the death of your spouse or partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>documents that link your current and former family name/s such as marriage, registered relationship, birth or citizenship certificates</li> </ul>
<b>Plus, for free replacement passport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>death certificate of your spouse or partner</li> </ul>
change any of your names because of gender transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an Australian RBDM name change certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Plus, for free replacement passport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a completed Form B-14 'Declaration: sex/gender of passport applicant' (available at <a href="http://www.passports.gov.au">www.passports.gov.au</a>)</li> </ul>
change any of your names for reasons of personal preference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an Australian RBDM name change certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Not eligible for free replacement passport</b>	
<b>If you were born and live overseas:</b>	
<p>If you were born and live overseas and can demonstrate that you do not meet Australian RBDM residency requirements to register a name change, you may use the name in a foreign name change, marriage or registered relationship certificate*, provided this was issued after you obtained Australian citizenship, and has been properly legalised or apostilled by the issuing government. If such document/s are not written in English, you must also provide a full English translation prepared by an approved translation service.</p>	

\*Foreign name change, marriage or registered relationship certificates are not acceptable evidence of name change/s if you were born in or live in Australia – see table above.

If you need to have a foreign document legalised or apostilled by the issuing government, see <http://www.dfat.gov.au> for a list of foreign diplomatic missions and consulates in Australia.

## More information and contact us

 [www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au)

 APIS 131 232

If you are outside Australia and require assistance contact the nearest Australian mission or consulate.

For advice and practical information on safe overseas travel go to [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au)

## Accessibility

If you need assistance with English, contact APIS through the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact APIS through the National Relay Service:

TTY 133 677

Speak and Listen 1300 555 727

SMS relay 0423 677 767



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