



Change of name for adults

Instruction and Application Booklet

Please read the instructions carefully before
completing the application sections of this booklet.

Vital Statistics Branch
506-453-2385



You must send additional documents along with this application.

If you were born in Canada send:

- All original birth certificates.
- If you were born in New Brunswick and are requesting a surname change, a long form birth certificate is required to be filed with your application. Please note if you do not have this document, you may include the additional fee and the certificate will be obtained on your behalf and remain on file.
- If you do not have a birth certificate and you were NOT born in New Brunswick, you must apply for a birth certificate from the province/territory where you were born and submit the certificate with the change of name application. Long form birth certificates are required for all surname changes and for all child change of name applications and will remain on file.
- If your name has been previously changed, you must return any original documents from the issuing authority such as the "Certificate of Change of Registered Name" or Court Order.

If you were born outside of Canada, and you are a Canadian citizen you must send the following documents:

- Photocopy of Canadian Citizenship Card (both sides).
- Photocopy of original birth certificate or photocopy of certified copy of birth registration from country at birth. If your birth certificate was issued in a language other than French or English, you will need to provide a translation completed by a qualified, impartial translator (stamp or seal is required).
- Photocopy of your current passport.

If you are a Landed Immigrant/Permanent Resident send:

- Photocopy of Canadian Record of Immigration Landing or Confirmation of Permanent Residence document.
- Photocopy of Permanent Residence Card (both sides).
- Photocopy of original birth certificate or photocopy of certified copy of birth registration from country at birth. If your birth certificate was issued in a language other than French or English, you will need to provide a translation completed by a qualified, impartial translator (stamp or seal is required).
- Photocopy of your current passport.

IMPORTANT

If you were born outside of Canada and cannot obtain a copy of your birth certificate issued by the country in which you were born, include a written explanation as to why you are unable to do so.

Additional evidence to support a change of name application may be required. Photocopies of additional evidence may be acceptable. However, Vital Statistics reserves the right to request original or certified copies.

Application for a Change of Name – Adult

All sections of this booklet must be completed. If a section does not apply to you, indicate “Not Applicable” on the form. **IMPORTANT:** Applications that do not include the required documents, fees or information will be considered incomplete and result in processing delays.

If additional information is required, please telephone the Vital Statistics Office located in Fredericton at 506 453-2385.

SECTION 1 – Personal Information - To be eligible you must be 16 years of age and have resided in New Brunswick for a minimum of three months.

Your name: _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Your address: _____
Number Street

City, Town or Other Province Postal Code

Telephone: _____
Home Business Other

The name on your birth certificate:

First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Proposed name:

Ryan _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Your date of birth: ____/____/____ Sex: **Male** **Female**
Year Month By Name Day

Your place of birth: _____
City, Town, Village or Other Province or State and Country

Your father's name:

First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Your mother's maiden name:

First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

Your occupation: _____

If you have not lived at the above address for the past 12 months, please provide the previous address(es):

Number Street City, Town or Other Province Postal Code

If you are 18 years of age or older, you must provide a criminal record check with your application. Please contact your local police department or R.C.M.P. detachment to arrange for the check and include it with your application.

Please list all pending actions against you in the Court of Appeal of New Brunswick.

SECTION 3 – Marriage Information

1. If you are married, you must complete this section of the form.

If a current marriage took place in New Brunswick, your marriage record will be amended to reflect your legal name change at no extra cost. However, if the marriage took place in another province, we will notify Vital Statistics in that province/territory of the name change. Please note you are responsible for any additional fees required to amend the marriage record in the other jurisdiction.

2. If you are changing your last name, your spouse must sign and date this section.

I acknowledge in this application the request of my spouse to change his/her registered last name.

Signature of Spouse

Year

Month

By Name

Day

3. If you are separated or living apart for at least three months but not divorced.

having applied for a change of registered surname, do hereby declare that I am separated from my spouse:

Your spouse's name:

Separated since _____/_____/_____
 Year Month By Name Day

SECTION 4 – Previous Name Change(s) - Please note that you must include with this application any original documents you may have received due to a legal name change such as a certificate of change of registered name, court order and amended birth certificates.

If your name has been changed previously, please provide the following information:

Name changed from:

First Name	Middle Name(s)	Last Name
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To:

First Name	Middle Name(s)	Last Name
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Date of change: _____/_____/_____

Year Month By Name Day

Name of Province or State and/or Country where name change was completed and registered:

City, Town or Other	Province / State	Country
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SECTION 5 – Reason for Name Change – If more space is required, additional pages or documents may be attached to the form.

I want to change my name because:

SECTION 6 – Exemption to Publish in the Royal Gazette

Vital Statistics is legally required to publish all registered name changes in the New Brunswick Royal Gazette, per section 10(2) of the *Change of Name Act*, if an applicant is 18 years of age or older.

IMPORTANT - PRIVACY NOTE: Unless the requirements for exemption from publication are met, your legal name change will automatically be published. You will be notified if you cannot be exempted. Please note the Royal Gazette is published online (internet) and in paper format.

The Registrar may dispense with this requirement if requested by the applicant in one of the following special circumstances.

1. You would be unduly prejudiced by the publication of the notice. Please provide supporting documentation.

- A minor alteration in spelling of given name(s) and/or surname, such as: Alan - Allen / Helen – Hélène / Brown – Browne
- Abbreviations such as Jos. to Joseph, Wm. to William.
- Addition of a given name where the first name and the surname are not changed.

- A person baptized under a different name than the one registered with Vital Statistics at the time of birth.
- A person brought up using the surname of a step-parent or foster parent.
- A person whose adoption was not finalized.

SECTION 7 - Declaration of Sponsor - The sponsor confirms the identity of the applicant and states they have known the applicant for at least two years and is not a family member. The declaration must be made before a Commissioner of Oaths or Notary Public.

City, Town or Other Province Postal Code

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Signature of Sponsor

Signature of Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths (Please indicate your legal capacity by using a stamp or seal).

City, Town or Other Province Postal Code

SECTION 8 - Declaration of Applicant -Your declaration must be made before a Commissioner of Oaths or Notary Public.

I, _____
First Name Middle Name(s) Last Name

of _____
Number Street

City, Town or Other Province Postal Code

solemnly declare that the statements made in this application are true and the application is made in good faith and for no improper purpose. I understand that by making application for a name change, a criminal check may be made on my current name by the RCMP.

Signature of Applicant

Declared before me at _____ in the County of _____

Province of _____ this _____ / _____ / _____
Year Month By Name Day

Signature of Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths (Please indicate your legal capacity by using a stamp or seal.)

Complete Address:

Number Street

City, Town or Other Province Postal Code

Fee Schedule –Change of Name Act

	Fees
1. The fee to change a registered name that includes a LAST NAME is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This includes one Change of Name Certificate 	\$130
All requests for change of LAST NAME must be accompanied by a long form birth certificate indicating the names of the parents as issued by the Vital Statistics Office in your province of birth. If you were born in New Brunswick, and you don't have this document, you may submit an additional fee of \$45 to this office. A baptismal certificate is not acceptable.	\$45
Please note this certificate is non-returnable.	
2. If at the same time, a parent makes an application for one or more of his/her children, the fee for each child is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This includes one Change of Name Certificate. 	\$65
3. The fee for a Change of FIRST NAME and/or MIDDLE NAME(S) only is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This includes one Change of Name Certificate. 	\$115
4. The fee for each duplicate Change of Name Certificate is:	\$20
5. The fees for amended Birth Certificates are:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short form birth certificate 	\$45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long form birth certificate 	\$45
6. A cheque or money order payable to Service New Brunswick in the required amount must accompany each application.	
Mail to:	
Service New Brunswick Vital Statistics P.O. Box 1998 Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5G4	

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NOTE: \$50 is non-refundable if the application is withdrawn or rejected.