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# First name change for an important reason

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99083002011000, 99083002011000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	First name change for an important reason
Leistungsbezeichnung II	
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Niedersachsen
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Namen (083)
Verrichtungskennung	Änderung (011)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Leben in einer binationalen Partnerschaft, auch einer gleichgeschlechtlichen Partnerschaft (Eheschließung, zivile/eingetragene Partnerschaft, Trennung, Scheidung, Güterrecht, Rechte von Lebenspartnern)

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Lagen Portalverbund	Urkunden und Bescheinigungen (1070200), Ausweise (1070100), Eheschließung (1020300), Scheidung (1020400)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	24.02.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sports
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/_11.htm">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/_11.htm</a> <a href="https://www.verwaltungsvorschriften-im-internet.de/bsvwvbund_11081980_VII31331317.htm">https://www.verwaltungsvorschriften-im-internet.de/bsvwvbund_11081980_VII31331317.htm</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/famnam_ndgdv_1/BJNR000120938.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/famnam_ndgdv_1/BJNR000120938.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/_11.htm">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/_11.htm</a> <a href="https://www.verwaltungsvorschriften-im-internet.de/bsvwvbund_11081980_VII31331317.htm">https://www.verwaltungsvorschriften-im-internet.de/bsvwvbund_11081980_VII31331317.htm</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/famnam_ndgdv_1/BJNR000120938.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/famnam_ndgdv_1/BJNR000120938.html</a>
Teaser	You can change your first name under certain conditions.
Volltext	<p>If you want to change your first name, there must be an important reason that justifies the name change. Important reasons exist if the private interests of you as the bearer of the name in the name change outweigh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the public interest, or</li> <li>• a third party's private interest in maintaining your name.</li> </ul> <p>Important reasons are, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• religious motives,</li> <li>• if the name is a trigger for psychological problems (for example, through associations),</li> <li>• if there is a likelihood of confusion,</li> <li>• if the name sounds offensive or ridiculous and is</li> </ul>

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awkward to pronounce or complicated to write, or

- after a sex reassignment surgery.

Furthermore, your name must be subject to German law. This includes not only German nationals, but also those entitled to asylum, foreign refugees and stateless persons.

A name change is not an option if you do not like your name, for example in the case of names of foreign language origin. A name change is also not justified if you want to make it more difficult for creditors to identify you.

For children over 1 year old and younger than 16 years old, you can only change the first name for serious reasons in the best interests of the child.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Certificate of registration and valid official photo ID (identity card, passport)
  - Excerpt from the birth register (available at the registry office of the place of birth)
    - in the case of stateless persons: travel document or entry of the Foreigners' Registration Office in the passport or passport substitute
    - in the case of homeless foreigners or persons entitled to asylum: entry of the Foreigners' Registration Office in the passport or passport substitute
    - in the case of foreign refugees: entry of the Foreigners' Registration Office in the passport or passport substitute

For further documents, please inquire in advance at the name change authority responsible for you.

## Voraussetzungen

- You are a German citizen.
  - You are entitled to asylum, a foreign refugee, a stateless person, a homeless foreigner or a quota refugee.
    - There is an important or serious reason that justifies the name change.

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Kosten	<p>According to the time spent, but at least 30 and a maximum of 500 euros.</p> <p>If the application for a change of name is rejected, the fee may be reduced up to a quarter of the full amount.</p> <p>Note: If the change is successful, you will incur follow-up costs, as you will have to reapply for documents, such as your ID card or passport.</p>
Verfahrensablauf	<p>You must request the change of your first name in writing.</p> <p>Ask your competent authority for the application form or download it and fill it out completely. In the case of minors, the application is made by the legal representative.</p> <p>Explain in detail the reasons for your request. The authority must weigh up and decide taking into account all the circumstances of the individual case. The longer the name has been used, the greater the public interest in retaining the name.</p> <p>Your competent authority will charge an advance on fees and then carry out the necessary investigations. In the case of people over 14 years of age, it involves various agencies, such as the police. It obtains information from the list of debtors at the local court and, if necessary, from other authorities.</p> <p>If the requirements are met, you will receive a certificate of name change. Upon handing them over, the name change becomes effective. Otherwise, you will receive a rejection notice.</p> <p>The name change authority will notify other bodies of your name change. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Medebehörde,</li> <li>• the registry office, which keeps the register of births,</li> <li>• the registry office, which keeps the marriage register or the civil partnership register.</li> </ul>

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Once the name change has taken effect, you will need to have various documents (ID card, passport, vehicle registration) changed. You must apply for these changes yourself.

Note: If another person is involved, such as the other parent in changing a child's name after the parents divorced, you will initially only receive a notice of the name change. It states that you must wait until the name change can no longer be challenged by legal means. In these cases, the name change will take effect under the following conditions:

- The other person involved accepts the name change or
- the appeal authority or the courts confirm the name change.

**Bearbeitungsdauer**

About 6 months

**Frist**

none

**weiterführende Informationen**
**Hinweise**

Further information:  
<https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/moderne-verwaltung/verwaltungsrecht/namensrecht/namensrecht.html>  
[https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam\\_ndg/BJNR000090938.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/BJNR000090938.html)  
<https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/moderne-verwaltung/verwaltungsrecht/namensrecht/namensrecht.html>  
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**Rechtsbehelf**

Complaint

**Kurztext**

First Name Change

name change under public law

Change only possible in the case of: important reason or serious reasons in children between 1 and 16 years

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	<p>of age.</p> <p>Important reasons exist if the private interests of the name bearer in the name change, which are worthy of protection, outweigh the public interest or a private interest of third parties in retaining the name.</p> <p>Prerequisite: The name must be subject to German law, which is the case for German citizens, persons entitled to asylum, foreign refugees and stateless persons.</p> <p>Responsible: Name change authority of the place of residence, usually the citizens' or registry office</p>
Ansprechpunkt	<p>Name change authority of the place of residence:</p> <p>Name change authorities are the districts, the independent cities, the large independent cities and the independent municipalities.</p>
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	<p>Application for a change of name (available for download on their website or on request, depending on the competent authority)</p> <p>Online procedure possible: no</p> <p>Written form required: yes</p> <p>Personal appearance required: no</p>
Ursprungsportal	<p>Vorname Änderung aus einem wichtigen Grund, First name change for an important reason</p>