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# First name change

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99083002011000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	First name change
Leistungsbezeichnung II	change first name
Typisierung	2a - Bundesauftragsverwaltung: Regelung, Land: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Hamburg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	<div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Name change</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Surnames</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">last name</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">First name</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">family</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">naming rights</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Nickname</div>, <div lang="en-x-mtfrom-de">Christian name</div>
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	

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SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	01.02.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	<p>Name Change Act  <a href="#">[http://§ 11 Name Change Act (NamÄndG)]</a>(<a href="#">http://§ 11 Namensänderungsgesetz \ (NamÄndG\)</a>)</p> <p>Change of surnames and first names  <a href="#">[http://General administrative regulation on the law on changing surnames and first names (NamÄndVwV)]</a>(<a href="#">http://Allgemeine Verwaltungsvorschrift zum Gesetz über die Änderung von Familiennamen und Vornamen \ (NamÄndVwV\)</a>)</p> <p>Ordinance to Enforce the Surname and First Name Change Act  <a href="#">[http://First ordinance implementing the law on changing surnames and first names]</a>(<a href="#">http://Erste Verordnung zur Durchführung des Gesetzes über die Änderung von Familiennamen und Vornamen)</a></p>
Teaser	You can have your first name changed under certain conditions.
Volltext	<p>If you want to change your first name, there must be an important reason that justifies the name change. There are important reasons if your private interests worthy of protection as the bearer of the name in the change of name outweigh the public interest or a private interest of third parties in keeping your name.</p> <p>Important reasons are for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• religious motives,</li> <li>• if the name triggers psychological problems (e.g. through associations)</li> <li>• if there is a risk 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 change.

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 out of the question if you don't like your name, for example names of foreign language origin. A name change is also not justified if you want to make identification by creditors more difficult. For children over the age of 1 and under the age of 16, you can only change the first name for serious reasons in the best interests of the child.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

- Registration certificate and valid official photo ID (identity card, passport)
  - Extract from the birth register (available from the registry office of the place of birth)
  - for stateless persons: travel document or entry by the immigration authorities in the passport or passport substitute
  - for homeless foreigners or persons entitled to asylum: Entry by the foreigners authority in the passport or passport substitute
  - for foreign refugees: Entry by the immigration authorities in the passport or passport substitute

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

## Voraussetzungen

- You have German citizenship.
- 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.

## Kosten

Depending on the administrative effort and federal state.

Note: If the change is successful, follow-up costs will arise because you will have to reapply for documents, such as your identity card or passport. If the application is rejected, a fee of 10 to 50 percent of the administration fee will be charged.

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### Verfahrensablauf

You must apply in writing to change your first name.

- Ask your competent authority for the application form or download and fill it out completely. For minors, the legal representative submits the application.
- State the reasons for your application in detail. The authority must weigh up and decide, taking into account all the circumstances of the individual case. The longer the name has been in use, the greater the public interest in keeping the name.
- Your competent authority will collect an advance fee and then carry out the necessary investigations. In doing so, it involves various bodies, such as the police, in the case of people over 14 years old. It obtains information from the register of debtors at the district court and, if necessary, from other bodies.
- If the requirements are met, you will receive a certificate of the name change. The change of name becomes effective upon delivery. Otherwise you will receive a rejection letter.
- The name change authority will notify other bodies of your name change. This includes
  - the registration authority,
  - the registry office that keeps the birth register,
  - the registry office that keeps the marriage register or the civil partnership register.
- As soon as the name change has taken effect, you must have various documents (identity card, passport, vehicle registration) changed. You must apply for these changes yourself.

Note: If another person is involved, for example the other parent when changing the name of a child after the parents have divorced, you will initially only receive notification of the name change. It advises that you must wait until the name change is no longer open to legal challenge. In these cases, the name change will take effect under the following conditions:

- the other person involved accepts the name change or
- the appeals authority or the courts confirm the change of name.

### Bearbeitungsdauer

About 6 months

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Frist	no
weiterführende Informationen	<a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/moderne-verwaltung/verwaltungsrecht/namensrecht/namensrecht.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/moderne-verwaltung/verwaltungsrecht/namensrecht/namensrecht.html</a> <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/moderne-verwaltung/verwaltungsrecht/namensrecht/namensrecht.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/moderne-verwaltung/verwaltungsrecht/namensrecht/namensrecht.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/BJNR000090938.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/BJNR000090938.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/BJNR000090938.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/nam_ndg/BJNR000090938.html</a>
Hinweise	First ask your authority by telephone whether the application has any chance of success.
Rechtsbehelf	no
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• public name change               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change only possible with:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• important reason or</li> <li>• serious reasons in children between 1 and 16 years of age.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• important reasons exist if the private interests of the bearer of the name that are worthy of protection in the change of name outweigh the                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the public interest or</li> <li>• a private interest of third parties in retaining the name.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Requirement: Name must be subject to German law, which is the case with                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German nationals</li> <li>• persons entitled to asylum,</li> <li>• foreign refugees and stateless persons.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• responsible: name change authority of the place of residence, mostly citizens' or registry office</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	If you want to find out exactly who is responsible for your request, please follow the link to [Authority finder Hamburg]( <a href="https://www.hamburg.de/service/info/hasi/12386">https://www.hamburg.de/service/info/hasi/12386</a> )
Zuständige Stelle	District Office Harburg
Formulare	

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Ursprungsportal	Behördenfinder Hamburg, Authority finder Hamburg (Currently this link is only available in german)