Your Queries Answered

- **Who should ask for the re-registration?**
  If you are the child's natural parents and are now husband and wife, you must fill in the details and sign this form.

- **Can a step-father, adoptive father or anyone else sign as the child's father?**
  No, only the natural father, if he is also the mother's husband.

- **If one of the parents has died, can the birth be registered again?**
  Yes, if the father's name was entered on the original birth record, or if there has been a legal ruling as to who is the actual father.

- **If the child has died, is it possible to register the birth again?**
  Yes, if the child was living at the time of the parents' marriage.

- **Can I change my child's name?**
  If you have evidence that your child has used new forenames within 12 months of the original birth registration, then it may be possible to record the forenames. You may be able to change your child's surname in some circumstances. Ask the registrar to explain or ring Corrections and Re-registration Section on 0151 471 4806.

- **Is there anything to pay?**
  There is no charge for the re-registration of the birth but the usual fee will be charged for any certificates issued.

- **What is the address of the registrar for the district in which your child's place of birth is situated?**
  Corrections and Re-registration Section at the General Register Office will be pleased to supply the address. Please ring us on 0151 471 4806.

- **What if the mother is married to someone other than the child's father?**
  It may still be possible to change the child's surname but not on the birth certificate. Contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau or a solicitor for advice.

- **Any special problems?**
  If, for example, the parents cannot complete the form, and another person is supplying the information, please write to the address in Part A, explaining the circumstances.

- **Any further questions?**
  If you have any trouble in understanding any of the points or questions on this form, please ring Corrections and Re-registration Section on 0151 471 4806 or write to us at the address in Part A. Alternatively you may prefer to ask your local registrar.

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**Section 1 - Child's details**

**Child's Surname as originally registered**

If the child is 16 years of age or over his or her written consent must be obtained before the surname can be changed.

**Full forenames**  
**Date of birth**  
**Place of birth**  
**Is child still living?**

**Section 2 - Natural father's details**

**Surname**

**Full forenames**  
**Place of birth**  
**Occupation**

**Section 3 - Mother's details**

**Surname**

**Maiden surname**  
**Full forenames**  
**Place of birth**  
**Occupation**

**Section 4 - Marriage details**

**Place of marriage**  
**Date of marriage**

**Section 5 - Court decisions**

- **Has any court order been made naming child's father?**
- **Has the child been adopted?**
- **Is the child a ward of court or in care of local authority or guardian?**

**Section 6 - Register Office**

**At which register office in England and Wales will one of you attend?**

Please tick yes or no to each question:

- **If you are living outside England and Wales and neither of you can attend at a register office in England or Wales please tick this box.**

**Section 7 - Declaration by natural father**

This declaration must be completed by the child's actual, that is natural, father. No person may sign on his behalf.

I have read the warning below and I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE that I am the natural father of the child whose details are given in Section 1.

**Signature**  
**Date**

**Address**  
**Postal Code**  
**Telephone number**

**Section 8 - Declaration by mother**

This declaration must be completed by the child's mother. No person may sign on her behalf.

I have read the warning below and I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE that the man named in Section 2 is the actual (that is natural) father of the child.

**Signature**  
**Date**

Please sign in the surname you use now.

**Address**  
**Postal Code**  
**Telephone number**

**Parental Responsibility**

Parental responsibility is acquired automatically by the mother and, where he is married to the mother, the father. Once parental responsibility is acquired only a court can remove it. If you require further information you may wish to seek legal advice.

**WARNING:** ANY PERSON WHO DELIBERATELY GIVES FALSE INFORMATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A BIRTH MAY BE PROSECUTED