

Your Queries Answered

- **Who may apply for the re-registration?**

The child's natural parents if they are now husband and wife or civil partners.

- **Can a step-father, adoptive father or anyone else sign as the child's father?**

No,

- **If one of the parents has died, can the birth be re-registered?**

Yes, if the father's name was entered on the original birth record, or if there has been a legal ruling to who is the natural father.

- **If the child has died, is it possible to re-register the birth?**

Yes, only if the child was living at the time of the parents' marriage or civil partnership.

- **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 also be able to change your child's surname in some circumstances. Contact your local Register Office for advice

- **Do you accept photographs of documents?**

No. Any document provided must be the original or certified photocopy of an original document.

- **How do I certify a document?**

Your local Register Office may be able to photocopy your original document and certify this. Alternatively, if you search for 'certifying a document' on www.gov.uk this will give you further information on certifying documents

- **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.

- **Does the natural father gain parental responsibility?**

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

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FORM LA1
Part A

Application by the natural parents for the re-registration of their child's birth following the parents' marriage or civil partnership

What is the re-registration of a child's birth following the natural parents' marriage or civil partnership?

- Making a new record of your child's birth showing your child to be a child of your marriage or civil partnership, where your child was born in England or Wales.
- The new record is made at the register office for the district where your child was born (usually the register office which issued the original birth certificate).
- The new record may be made by one of you attending either the original register office or by making a declaration at another register office in England or Wales. (If you both live outside England and Wales or your marriage/civil partnership took place outside England and Wales you should submit your application to GRO Casework Team, General Register Office, PO Box 476, Southport PR8 2WJ.
- The new birth record replaces the original record and future birth certificates are issued from the new record.

How do we apply for the re-registration?

- Please complete Sections 1 to 8 (and Section 9 if applicable).
- Take or send the completed form to either the original Register Office where your child's birth was registered or a local Register Office in England or Wales, with these documents:-
 - your child's full birth certificate
 - your marriage / civil partnership certificate
 - any document asked for in Section 5, and
 - if the child or a parent is not living, the death certificate(s) if available.

If the registrar needs to refer your application to the General Register Office and you do not want to part with your original documents, you can ask at the register office whether your documents can be photocopied, in order for the copies to be sent to the General Register Office at the address below.

- Please also see "Your Queries Answered" at the back of this form.

Warning: Any person who deliberately gives false information for the registration of a birth may be prosecuted.

Parents to complete all sections

Section 1 - Child's details

Child's Surname as originally registered			
Surname by which you wish the child now to be known (This cannot always be changed) If the child is 16 years of age or over the child must complete the declaration at Section 9 to acknowledge their agreement to the change			
Full Forename(s) of Child			
Date of Birth		Place of Birth (Town and County)	
Day	Month	Year	Is child still living? (Y/N)

Section 2 - Natural father's details

Surname	
Full Forename(s)	
Place of Birth (Town and County)	Occupation (if unemployed or retired give last job)

Section 3 - Mother's details

Surname Now	Maiden Surname	
Full Forename(s)		
Place of Birth (Town and County)	Occupation (if unemployed or retired give last job)	
At the time of the child's birth was the Mother: (tick one box)		
Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married / Civil Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		
Give details of the Mother's previous Marriage(s) or Civil Partnership(s) if applicable		
Date	Place	Previous Husband's Full Names

Section 4 - Marriage / Civil Partnership details

Place of Marriage / Civil Partnership (Please note that if the place of your marriage was outside the UK your application will be referred to the General Register Office).	Date of Marriage/ Civil Partnership		
	Day	Month	Year
Where was the natural father's permanent home at the time of your Marriage / Civil Partnership? (tick one box)			
<input type="checkbox"/> UK			
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Other Country: please name which Country		<input style="width:150px;" type="text"/>	
If USA or Canada: please name the State or Province		<input style="width:150px;" type="text"/>	

Section 5 - Court decisions (complete all questions)

Has any Court Order been made naming the child's father?	Yes* <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick Yes or No to each question
Has the child been adopted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the child a ward of court or in care of local authority or guardian?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	*If you tick Yes to any of the questions, the Court Order(s) should be sent with this application
Has any Court Order been made which does not allow a change to the child's surname?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section 6 - Register Office

At which Register Office in England and Wales will one of you attend?.....

 If you are living outside England and Wales and therefore cannot attend at a Register Office in England or Wales please tick this box

Each Parent to complete the appropriate Declaration

Section 7 - Declaration by natural father

This declaration must be completed by the child's 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 and all the details recorded in the form are accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Date

Address

Postal Code Telephone Number

Email Address

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 natural father of the child and all the details recorded in the form are accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Date

(Please sign in the surname you use now)

Address

Postal Code Telephone Number

Email Address

Section 9 - Declaration by child (16 years or over)

I (child's name)

agree to my surname being changed on re-registration to (new surname)

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Signature Date