

APPLICATION FOR RECORDING OF CHANGE OF FORENAME(S) AND / OR SURNAME(S) OF PERSON OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE

Guidance Notes to help you complete Form 24

(These notes are not part of the Form 24 prescribed under Section 43(5) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965).

A. When to use this form

This application can be used for a **forename and / or a surname** change for a person **over 16 years of age**.

Note - your birth must have been registered in Scotland or there must be an entry in respect of you in the Adopted Children Register or the Parental Order Register.

If a change of **forename AND surname** or **surname only** is required **before age 16** you should use **Form 21 or Form 23** instead.

B. Completion of the form

Lines 1, 2 and 5 – 10 should be completed as they appear on your present birth entry. In the case of a person who is the subject of either an Adoption Order or a Parental Order the forename(s) and surname(s) at lines 1 and 2 should be as shown in the Adopted Children Register or the Parental Order Register.

Lines 3 and 4 should show any **NEW FORENAME(S) and/or NEW SURNAME(S)** required. Line 11 should only be completed if there has been any previous name change requested.

C. Signatures

This form must be signed and dated by the person whose name is being changed.

D. How much will this cost me?

Recording the change of name	£40.00
Full extract (showing parents details)	£15.00
Abbreviated extract (no parent details shown)	£15.00
Additional extract purchased at the same time (same entry)	£10.00

(N.B. The certificates issued are referred to as “Extracts” from the registers.)

Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to **THE REGISTRAR GENERAL**. If any other payee is shown, the fee will be returned to you for resubmission before your application can proceed.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the leaflet RCN1 (obtainable from your local registration office).

E. Notification of the Changes

You will be advised when the change of forename(s) and / or surname(s) has been recorded and where a full or abbreviated extract showing the new forename(s) and / or surname(s) can be obtained.

F. Where do I send my application?

Please send the signed application form, together with **the appropriate fee**, to:

General Register Office for Scotland
Change of Name Unit (Room 35)
New Register House
Edinburgh
EH1 3YT

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **An application for a change of forename and / or surname will be refused if:**
 - (i) **the application is for a change of forename(s) and a change of forename has already been recorded for you since you attained the age of 16;**
 - (ii) **the application is for a change of surname(s) and you have had a change of surname(s) recorded during the previous 5 years, or if you have already had 3 changes of surname(s) recorded since you attained the age of 16.**
2. **Any full or abbreviated extract will show the new forename(s) and surname(s) plus the original names registered and any previous changes recorded.**
3. **Any person who supplies false information to the Registrar General is liable to prosecution.**

For any enquiries please telephone the Change of Name Unit on 0131 314 4404, 4545, 4409 or 4444

Or e mail namechange@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk .

Further information can also be obtained on our website –
<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/regscot/change-of-name.html>

I certify that the particulars overleaf are correct

..... Date:

(signature of applicant)

PRINT NAME:

Full postal address:

Postcode:

Tel No:

If you wish a full or abbreviated extract showing the recorded change please indicate the number required:

Full Extract

Abbreviated Extract *(No details of parents included)*

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