

# RHODE ISLAND

## BIRTH CERTIFICATE TOOL KIT

The Rhode Island Department of Health has made changes to the vital records regulations by modernizing Rhode Island's birth certificate amendment policies for transgender individuals.

As a result of these changes, surgery will no longer be required to amend the gender marker on your birth certificate. Gender markers can now be changed with proof that you have undergone **"treatment appropriate for the individual for the purpose of gender transition based on contemporary clinical standards."** This proof can be provided by any physician, certified nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant who has treated or evaluated you.

If the gender is changed on your birth certificate, there will be no indication that this was a change. However, if you also change your name, the name change will be marked as an amendment.

## QUESTIONS?

If you need assistance or more information contact GLAD Answers

800-455-GLAD (4523)  
or  
[www.GLADAnswers.org](http://www.GLADAnswers.org)

### APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

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SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT, WHICH IS A SIGNED WRITTEN STATEMENT, WHERE YOU STATE:

"I, [Name of Applicant], under the pains and penalties of perjury, declare that I have undergone appropriate treatment for the purpose of gender transition based on contemporary clinical standards, and that I am no longer the gender recorded on my current birth certificate. I am therefore requesting that the gender marker on my birth certificate be changed from [Male/Female] to [Female/Male] ."

## MEDICAL PROVIDER AFFIDAVIT

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SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN, CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT (REGISTERED TO PRACTICE IN RHODE ISLAND, ANY OTHER STATE, OR WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY), THAT STATES:

"I, **[Name of Medical Provider]**, declare under the pains and penalties of perjury that I am a licensed **[Physician/Certified Nurse Practitioner/Physician's Assistant]** in good standing in **[State or Foreign Country]**. I have treated and/ or evaluated **[Name of Applicant]**. I make this affidavit in support of **[Name of Applicant]**'s request that the gender marker on the birth certificate be changed from **[Male/ Female]** to **[Female/Male]**.

I certify that **[Name of Applicant]** has undergone appropriate treatment for the purpose of gender transition based on contemporary clinical standards."

**NOTE: AN INTERSEX PERSON WHO WISHES TO CHANGE THE GENDER ON THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE CAN USE THIS SAME PROCEDURE, AND THE MEDICAL PROVIDER AFFIDAVIT MERELY NEEDS TO STATE THAT, IN THE MEDICAL PROVIDER'S PROFESSIONAL OPINION, THE INDIVIDUAL'S GENDER ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE CHANGED.**

## NAME CHANGE

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IF YOU ALSO WISH TO CHANGE THE NAME ON YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE, INCLUDE THIS REQUEST IN YOUR APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT AND SUBMIT A NAME CHANGE COURT ORDER. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET JUDICIALLY CHANGED YOUR NAME AND ARE A RHODE ISLAND RESIDENT, THESE ARE THE STEPS:

A. Complete Form PC8.1

<http://1.usa.gov/1q0A1J6>

and get it notarized.

B. Get a certified copy of your birth certificate and a copy of your Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) record. Here are the instructions on how to get a copy of your BCI record: <http://1.usa.gov/11oEuu3>

C. Check with your local probate court about the filing fee, and whether it requires that you advertise in a local newspaper.

D. If required by the court, advertise in a local newspaper by filling out form P.C. 9.1 at least 10 days before hearing: <http://1.usa.gov/1q0Adbg>

You should request that the court waive this requirement to protect your privacy, but it will be up to the court whether your request is granted.