

**Order to be sought in application:**

*That (name of parent applying) be authorised to apply to the Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages for the child previously registered as (current name) to now be registered as (proposed name).  
That the (parent applying) serve a sealed copy of these orders upon the Register of Births, Deaths & Marriages, who is requested to give effect to any such application by that parent for the child previously registered as (current name) to now be registered as (proposed name).*

**Court's considerations & topics to be included in affidavit:**

- Background:
  - When your relationship with the other parent began,
  - When your relationship with the other parent ended,
  - Whether you are divorced or not,
  - Whether there are any current orders or parenting plans,
  - Details of time & communication between the other parent & child since separation
- Age, maturity & wishes of the child.
- The short and long term effects of any change of the child's name.
- Details of any embarrassment/rejection/confusion the child suffers from because of his/her current name.
- Whether the other parent has been contacted regarding the proposed change and:
  - If so, what the other parent's attitude is to the proposed change;
  - If not, why not
- Whether the proposed change of name is likely to affect the child's relationship with the other parent.
- Details of the current relationship, degree of identification, and contact the child has with the other parent
- The contact the other parent has had and is likely to have in the future with the child
- Details of the current relationship, and degree of identification the child has with his/her mother and stepfather
- The effect of frequent or random changes of name
- Any advantages that the child will have in keeping his/her current name
- Any other reasons for the proposed change