

Declaration regarding the Name of an Adult Child

(Sections 1617, 1617d, 1617e, 1617f, 1617i German Civil Code (BGB), Art. 10 (4) and Art. 48 Introductory Act to the German Civil Code (EGBGB))

Notice about Jurisdiction

If the birth has not been registered in a German birth register, the registrar's office having jurisdiction over the declarant's current or last residence or habitual residence is responsible for the effective receipt of the name declaration. Registrar's Office I in Berlin has jurisdiction only if the declarant has never resided in Germany. A previous residence in Germany, even many years ago (including as a child), establishes the jurisdiction of the registrar's office responsible for that former place of residence.

Mother/Parent 1

Surname, surname at birth, first and middle names, date of birth (DD.MM.YYYY), place of birth (city, country), mailing address, citizenship(s), email

Civil status of the mother/parent 1 on the date of birth of the child:

- ☐ *single* ☐ *married* ☐ *living in a civil partnership* ☐ *divorced* ☐ *widowed*
☐ *civil partnership dissolved* ☐ *civil partnership terminated upon death* ☐

Total number of marriages/civil partnerships: ☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 or more

Father/Parent 2

Surname, surname at birth, first and middle names, date of birth (DD.MM.YYYY), place of birth (city, country), mailing address, citizenship(s), email

- ☐ The parents were married/entered into a civil partnership
on _____ date (DD.MM.YYYY)
in _____ place (city, country)

Child

Surname, first and middle names, date of birth (DD.MM.YYYY), place of birth (city, country), mailing address, citizenship(s), email

Email:

Have you (previously) resided in Germany?

- ☐ no, I have never resided in Germany (not even as a child)
☐ yes: (last) address in Germany:

Was the child adopted or born through surrogacy?

- ☐ no ☐ yes, the child is adopted ☐ yes, the child was born through surrogacy

☐ Additional children of these parents (including adult children)

Surname, first and middle names, date of birth (DD.MM.YYYY), and place of birth (city, country):

☐ These parents have no other children (including adult children)

Legal guardian(s) on the date of birth of the child/children:

☐ both parents ☐ mother/parent 1 ☐ father/parent 2

Habitual residence of the child/children on the date of birth in:

If the birth occurred in the period from 1 September 1986 through 31 March 1994:

- ☐ My surname was recorded in a German identity document/civil status register issued between 1 September 1986 and 31 March 1994 (documentation attached).
- ☐ My surname was **not** recorded in a German identity document/civil status register issued between 1 September 1986 and 31 March 1994.

Legal basis for the declaration (multiple legal bases are possible)

- ☐ **Erstbestimmung**
Initial determination of the surname (Sec. 1617 German Civil Code (BGB))
- ☐ **Neubestimmung**
Subsequent determination of the surname (Secs. 1617d, 1617f, 1617i German Civil Code (BGB))
- ☐ **Neubestimmung nach Artikel 48 EGBGB**
Subsequent determination under Art. 48 Introductory Act to the German Civil Code (EGBGB)
(only possible if the person's name is governed by German law; if applicable, a simultaneous choice of German law is required)
- ☐ **Rechtswahl**
Choice of law (Article 10 (4) Introductory Act to Civil Code (EGBGB))
- ☐ **Einbenennung**
Acquisition of the stepparent's surname (Sec. 1617e, (3) German Civil Code (BGB))
- ☐ **Rückbenennung**
Reversion to the previous surname (Sec. 1617e (4) German Civil Code (BGB))
- ☐ **Erstreckung**
Extension of the parents' married name to the child (Sec. 1617c German Civil Code (BGB))
- ☐ **Angleichung**
Alignment of the surname (Art. 47 Introductory Act to Civil Code (EGBGB))
- ☐ _____

Declaration

***I, as an adult child, chose the following name for myself:
(please enter name):***

***Name governed by the law of: _____
(please enter country):***

Surname: _____

(for a double surname, please indicate whether it is to be used with or without a hyphen)

First names, if applicable: _____

Further names, if applicable: _____

I am aware that declarations made pursuant to Sec. 1617d, Sec. 1617e (3), and Sec. 1617i of the German Civil Code (BGB) may require the consent of the parent whose surname is being adopted and/or that parent's spouse.

I am aware that this declaration may be irrevocable under certain circumstances.

- ☐ ***Declaration regarding the effective date (only for declarations under Art. 48 Introductory Act to the German Civil Code (EGBGB))***

This declaration shall take effect

- ☐ ***for the future (upon receipt by the competent German registrar's office)***
- ☐ ***retroactively to the date of registration in the civil status register of the other EU Member State (proof of the registration date must be provided).***

I am aware that this name can only be proven by certification which is subject to a fee.

I request the issue of _____ (no.)
fee-based certificate(s) confirming the effectiveness of the name declaration.

☐ I request to pay the fee by e-payment, if possible, otherwise by wire transfer

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Please observe the applicable fee regulations of the respective German federal state.

I agree that the registrar's office may exchange personal data with me and third parties, including by email, for the performance of its statutory duties and for processing my declaration.

_____ (Adult child)

I certify the above signature as executed before me.

The declaring party has been identified by

_____, No.

(Identity document)

issued on

(Adult child)

place, date:

, the

(Seal)

(Consular officer)

Please attach forms with multiple pages securely together.

Alternatively: Signature notarization by a Notary Public

I hereby certify that **the above signature** was made in my presence by:

(First, middle and last names)

who identified themselves by valid identification.

(Place and date, Notary Public's signature and seal)