

Change Name to Birth Name

A guide to preparing the documents



Preparing an Application Changing to your Birth Name

This step-by-step guide is designed to show you how to prepare and lodge an application to **change the name** shown on a title to your birth name.

If you are completing the forms yourself, we advise you to exercise care as the documents involved are legally binding. Consultation of a competent professional, such as a solicitor or settlement agent, should always be considered when preparing any land transaction document.

It is important to read through the whole of this information guide. Being familiar with the information provided will assist if you need to contact Landgate to clarify any part of the process. Useful contacts are listed on the back page.

What you should know about Certificates of Title

Certificates of Title are created by Landgate usually as a result of registration or approval of a subdivisional plan. Original titles are always kept at Landgate

It is recommended that a copy of the original Certificate of Title be obtained from Landgate, to assist in completing the application form and statutory declaration. We commonly refer to this as a 'title search'. A title search will show the spelling of the names of the registered proprietors/owners.

For a fee, you can conduct a title search and obtain a copy of a Certificate of Title.

What do I need for my application?

- Title Search (recommended) used to complete the application form
- Forms: Change of Name e-Form (or paper Application Form A5) and Statutory Declaration Form B3
- Original birth certificate issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in WA (or equivalent if outside of WA)
- Registration fees payable to Landgate

Title Search – a copy of the current Original Certificate of Title

A title search is optional, however highly recommended, as the search provides you with a complete up-to-date copy of the title at the date and time the title search is conducted.

For a fee, you can conduct a title search using an address and order a copy of a Certificate of Title.

Change of Name e-Form (or Application Form A5) and Statutory Declaration Form B3

The Change of Name e-Form and Statutory Declaration Form B3 are available via Landgate's <u>Land Titling Forms</u> web page. Alternatively, paper versions (Application Form A5 and Form B3) are available from a Landgate office. Please note that only original signed forms can be lodged for registration and all forms must be printed on white A4 size paper in duplex style, so both sides of the paper are printed upon.

Original birth certificate issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in WA (or equivalent if outside of WA)

The original birth certificate is required to be produced as evidence for the change of name application. The original birth certificate must be issued and certified by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in WA (or equivalent office if outside of WA).

Landgate is required to sight the original birth certificate. If the application is lodged in person, the original evidence will be returned at the time of lodgement. If the application is posted to Landgate, the original evidence will be returned to the lodging party following the lodgement of the application together with the document receipt.

The original birth certificate can be certificate as a true copy by Australia Post, however there is a fee payable to Australia Post for this service. A copy certified by a licensed settlement agent or a legal practitioner will also be accepted (refer to Land Transactions Policy and Procedure Guide DOC-04 Statutory Declarations and Supporting Evidence).

Where the original birth certificate has been certified by Australia Post, the Australia Post certified copy can be provided to Landgate in lieu of the original certificate. Note the originally signed certified copy must be provided to Landgate.

Where a certificate is printed in a foreign language, the original/certified certificate must be translated and a translated version, plus the original/certified certificate will need to be produced to Landgate.

The translated certificate with official translation noted will be retained by Landgate as evidence to the name change.

A foreign certificate will need to be translated by a person who has a "NAATI" accreditation from the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters.

A copy of a birth certificate certified by a Justice of the Peace or a similarly qualified person is not acceptable.

Registration Fees

View the current Registration and Search Fees that can be paid by cash, credit card, EFTPOS, or by cheque/money order made payable to Landgate. Fees must be paid when lodging the document in person or included if posting the documents to Landgate.

Further Reading

For further information on this transaction type and further document requirements, please see the following links:

- Land Titles Registration Policy and Procedure Guides
- A Guide to basic requirements for the preparation of paper documents "<u>Getting it Right Reference</u> Guide"
- Land Transaction Hub

Steps to lodging an application

- 1. Complete the application and statutory declaration forms by using the title search. Type or print legibly in dart ink (preferably black) to complete the application and statutory declaration forms, using the examples in this guide to assist you.
- 2. Ensure the original birth certificate issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in WA is provided as evidence with the application and statutory declaration. An originally signed copy of the birth certificate certified by Australia Post is also acceptable.
- 3. Registration fees will need to be paid when the document is presented for lodgement, documents cannot be accepted without fee payment. Payments over the counter are available by cheque/money order, credit card or cash. If posting document/s to Landgate it is important to include any registration fee payable. Please feel free to use our <u>Postal Lodgement Coversheet</u> which enables you to review and select one of the payment options available."
- 4. Lodge the original signed forms, certified copy of the birth certificate (issued by the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in WA) with Landgate ensuring the registration fee payment is enclosed if lodging by post.
 - In person at one of Landgate's lodgement offices. NOTE: any person can lodge the application document with Landgate; the lodging party does not need to be one of the persons named in the application document.
 - By post to: Landgate Document Lodgement Section PO Box 2222 MIDLAND WA 6936

NOTE: Original evidence being returned by post will be posted in the normal mail. If you wish to have the original evidence returned by registered post, you will need to provide a self-addressed, pre-paid registered post envelope to Landgate with the application document.

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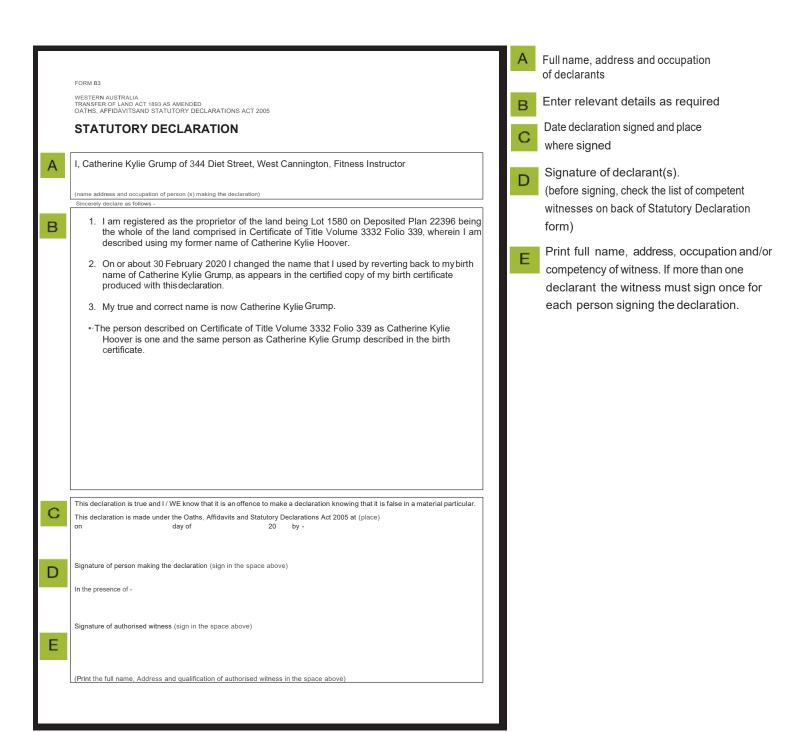
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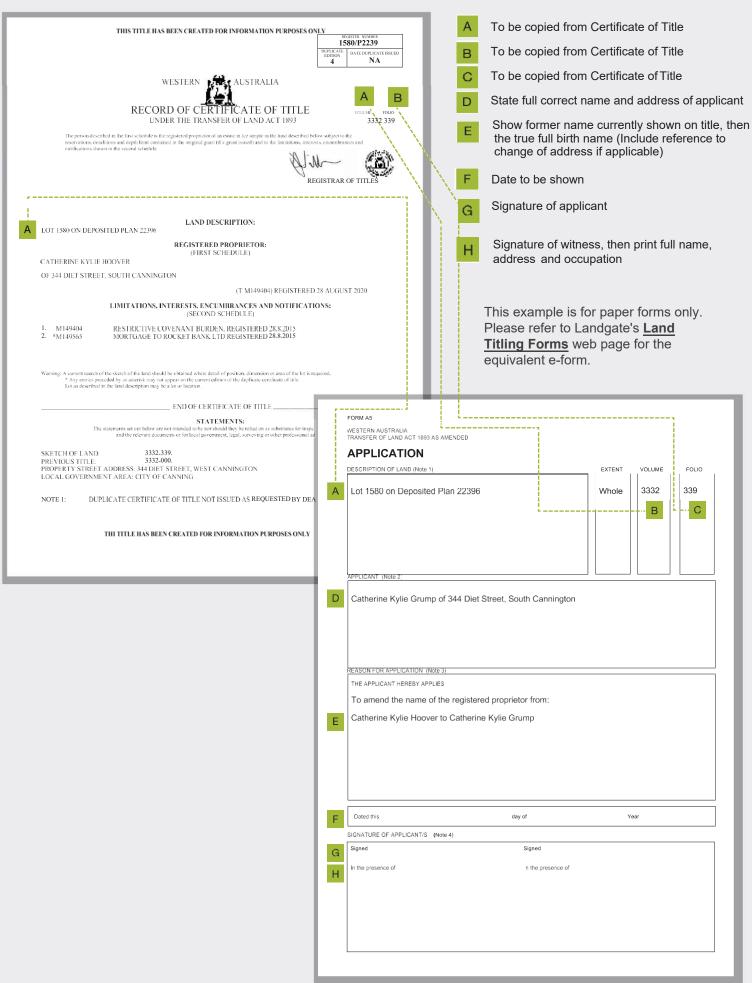
The information in this document should not be regarded as legal advice. In all matters, users should seek legal advice from an independent legal practitioner.

Completing the Statutory Declaration

A statutory declaration is required by the person who is changing their name. The following statements should be included:

- State the capacity of the declarant, include reference to former name shown on title, land description and former address (only show former address if address has changed)
- State date the name changed back to birth name and include reference to certified copy of birth certificate (include new address if changed)
- State the full correct name now (birth name)
- State the person shown on the title (former name) plus title erence as being one and the same person (birth name) as shown on the birth certificate.





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Contact List

Landgate Contacts

Landgate Office Hours 8.30am to 4.30pm (Lodgement Hours 8.30am to 4.30pm

Landgate – Midland Head Office 1 Midland Square **MIDLAND WA 6056**

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Email: customerservice@landgate.wa.gov.au

Website: www.landgate.wa.gov.au

Postal Address: PO box 2222, MIDLAND WA

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Document Lodgement Sites

Document lodgement hours strictly 8.30am to 4.30pm

Landgate - Midland Head Office

1 Midland Square MIDLAND WA 6056

Landgate – Perth Business Office

200 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000

Other Useful Contacts

Department of Finance Revenue WA

3rd Floor, 200 St George Terrace

PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 9262 1100

Website: www.wa.gov.au

Department of Planning

140 William Street PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 6551 9000

Website: www.planning.wa.gov.au

Family Court

150 Terrace Road PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 9224 8222

Website: www.familvcourt.wa.gov.au

Probate Office

11th Floor, 28 Barrack Street

PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 (0)8 9421 5152

Website: www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

141 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61 1300 305 021

Website: www.bdm.dotaq.wa.gov.au

State Administrative Tribunal

6th Floor 565 Hay Street PERTH WA 6000

Tel: +61(0)8 9219 3111

Website: www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au

