

# Change your registered sex

## For transgenders born abroad

**Did you know that legal registration of your sex can be changed on your birth certificate for both Dutch nationalists, and non-Dutch born residents, permanently residing in the Netherlands?**

To be eligible to change your registered sex you must:

- be 16 years or older;
- have a Dutch citizenship or have a legal residence permit;
- have a foreign birth certificate which is drawn up and issued by an authorized agency under local regulations. This agency *can not be* a Dutch embassy or consulate.

### **What is required for your application?**

To ensure proper filing of your request we require:

- *A statement by an expert (the psychologist of the Center of Expertise on Genderdysphoria).*
  - This statement must be no older than 6 months and must affirm that you have full conviction and understanding of your decision to permanently change your birth sex.
  - To be able to get this statement you must have completed your diagnostic exams.
- *A certified copy of your birth certificate.*
  - Unless your birth certificate is registered at The Hague, you will need to have a notarized and translated copy of your birth certificate.
- *Proof of your Dutch residency or citizenship.*
  - This can be (a copy of) a Dutch identity card (both sides), Dutch passport or a declaration of Dutch citizenship.
  - Or if you have a different nationality: a copy of your passport and both sides of your valid residence permit.

It is important to note that certain foreign documents must be legalized or have an apostille (declaration by the competent authority of the country of origin on the authenticity of the signature). You can find an overview on the website of the Dutch government.

### **Useful information**

The office of The Hague requires all official documents to be written in either Dutch, English, French or German. If your documents were issued in another language, translation is required. You can find these certified translators on this website: [www.bureauwbtv.nl](http://www.bureauwbtv.nl)

If you are unable to source your birth certificate, contact an attorney. Birth certificates are required by the Kings Court of the Netherlands.

The Netherlands will only allow a change in name registration, if name changes are legally permitted in your country of citizenship.

There is no cost to change your gender identification on your birth certificate. The Hague will charge you a shipping fee to return your original documents by registered mail.

### **Are you confident that you want to change your registered sex, and do you have the required documentation?**

Yes? Submit your request online. Please note, for privacy reasons all requests must be submitted online. Documents will not be received at the municipal counter.

**How long does it take?**

Once you have submitted your request, provided all documents were received, your registered sexual identity will be changed within 6 weeks.

The municipality in which you live will register the changes in the Personal Records Database (BRP). For all government agencies who pull information from BRP, registered changes will be automatic.

It is your responsibility to inform all other organizations of your gender and name change.

Once your registered sex is changed, it is important to note that all other government issued identification will be void. This includes: Dutch passport, identity card, Aliens document or driving license. New identification card must be issued, at your own expense.

**Questions**

Any questions? Email [lt@denhaag.nl](mailto:lt@denhaag.nl)

**Web**

<https://www.denhaag.nl/en/certificates-and-official-documents/certificates/change-your-registered-sex-transgenders-born-abroad-.htm>