Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria

Supporting statement – Change of record of sex:

Child born in Victoria

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996

**Note to parents/guardians:** You do not need a supporting statement if you are attaching a County Court order stating that the change is in the child’s best interests.

# Child

## Child’s details

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| Child’s full name |       |
| Child’s new record of sex |       |

# Authorised person

To be completed by a person authorised to make a supporting statement.

For more information on completing a supporting statement go to <https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/changes-and-corrections/guidance-for-completing-a-supporting-statement>.

To be an authorised person, you must be one of the following:

## Authorised person’s eligibility

I am:

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| [ ]  | An adult who has known the child for at least 12 months(who is not their parent or guardian) |
| [ ]  | A doctor |
| [ ]  | A psychologist |

## Authorised person’s details

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| Registration number (if doctor or psychologist) |       |
| Family name (surname) |       |
| Given name (first name) |       |
| Phone number |       |
| Email address |       |
| Date of birth (in the format DD/MM/YYYY) |       |

## Is this change in the child’s best interests?

Consider the child’s views, autonomy, identity, well-being, and rights to health and education in assessing their best interests.

In my opinion, the change of the child’s record of sex is in the child’s best interests.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

## Can the child consent?

Complete this question if the child is **under the age of 16.**

Do you think the child:

* **Understands** what it means to change the record of sex on their birth certificate and how it will affect them?

 You may be able to gauge the child’s understanding by asking the child to explain in their language (be it verbal or other) what it means to have the record of sex on their birth certificate changed and its impact on them.

* Can **communicate** consent?

 The child should be able to communicate their decision and the reasons for their decision. Children will understand and communicate their decision in different ways.

In my opinion, the child has the capacity to consent to the change of their record of sex.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

## Why do you support the child changing their record of sex?

Explain briefly why you support this application. You can attach supporting documents.

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## Authorised person’s signature

I understand that it is an offence under section 53 of the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996* to knowingly make a false or misleading representation and that penalties may apply.

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| Signature of the authorised person |       |
| Date (in the format DD/MM/YYYY) |       |