FORMAT · NAME CHANGE

Affidavit for Change of Name

A format for an adult changing their own name in Maharashtra, for example after marriage or divorce, or to adopt a new name. Fill in the blanks, print on stamp paper where required, sign before a Notary or Executive Magistrate, and keep several attested copies.

BEFORE YOU START

Stamp paper. Affidavits and declarations made before a **government authority** are exempt from stamp duty under the State's notification of 1 July 2004, which the State confirmed was still in force on 30 October 2024. For other uses (for example, a bank or employer), the duty under Article 4 of Schedule I to the Maharashtra Stamp Act applies: **Rs 500** since 14 October 2024. Ask the office what it will accept.

Gazette. An affidavit records the change; the **Maharashtra Government Gazette (Part II)** notification, applied for online through the DGPS e-Gazette service, is what most authorities accept as proof. A child's name change, and a change linked to a change of religion, have different requirements; see the related guides below.

Checklist

☐	**Use one spelling everywhere**	Write the new name exactly as you want it on Aadhaar, PAN, passport and bank records, with the same order of first, middle and surname.
☐	**Keep proof of the reason**	Marriage certificate, divorce decree, or the death certificate of the spouse, as applicable.
☐	**Identity proof**	Self-attested copies of identity and address proof in the old name, and two recent photographs.
☐	**Attested copies**	Get several copies attested; banks and offices often keep one.
☐	**Gazette notification**	Apply for publication in the Maharashtra Government Gazette (Part II) through the DGPS e-Gazette service. Download and keep the PDF.
☐	**Update your records**	Aadhaar, PAN, passport, bank, employer, insurance, property and society records.

WARNING

Making a false statement in an affidavit is an offence under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Do not sign until every blank is filled and every statement is true.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, _____ (new name), formerly known as _____ (old name), son / daughter / wife of _____, aged about ___ years, occupation _____, residing at _____, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That I was earlier known as _____ (old name), and my name appears in that form in the following documents: _____ (for example, birth certificate, school leaving certificate, PAN, Aadhaar, passport).

2. That I have changed my name from _____ (old name) to _____ (new name) with effect from _____ (date), because _____ (reason, for example: my marriage to _____ on _____, registered under certificate no. _____; or my divorce by decree dated _____; or personal choice).

3. That _____ (old name) and _____ (new name) are names of one and the same person, namely myself.

4. That I shall hereafter be known by my new name for all purposes, and I request all concerned to record and address me by my new name.

5. That the change of name is not made for any unlawful purpose, or to avoid any legal obligation or liability.

6. That I am making this affidavit for submission to _____ (authority or office) and for all other lawful purposes.

Verification

I, the above-named deponent, verify that the contents of paragraphs 1 to 6 above are true and correct to my own knowledge and belief, and that nothing material has been concealed. Verified at _____ on this ___ day of _____, 20___.

Signature (new name): _____

Signature (old name): _____

Paste a recent passport-size photograph, signed across

BEFORE ME: Notary / Executive Magistrate (seal, signature, registration number and date)