

Documentation Required by VSA to Amend Your BC Birth Record:

NOTE: Please submit original documents only and faxes are not accepted.

Application for Change of Sex Designation on Birth Registration (form VSA 509):

1. Include the legislative amendment fee of \$27.00. Please note the requirement to return all previously issued birth certificates.

Medical Certificate of Trans-sexual Surgery (SRS) (form VSA 510):

1. Note the requirement for submission of a certified copy of the medical practitioner's licence of practice if the practitioner practice is outside of BC.

Supporting Medical Certificate of Trans-sexual Surgery (SRS) (form VSA 511):

1. Note the requirement for submission of a certified copy of the medical practitioner's licence of practice if the practitioner practice is outside of BC.

When Completing the Necessary Forms:

- Ensure the form is complete, which includes addresses and contact information.
- Always use ink.
- All signatures must be originals. Physician's office stamps are not acceptable.

Important Considerations:

- The legislation and the Vital Statistic application forms only require the medical practitioner who performed the surgery to explain the surgical procedures and certify the performance of the trans-sexual surgery (SRS).
- The medical practitioner who did not perform the surgery must be qualified and licensed to practise medicine in the jurisdiction where the applicant resides and also be able to certify that the results are completed by acceptable medical standards.
- The Vital Statistic Act does not have a definition of "trans-sexual surgery." Therefore, Vital Statistics relies on medical practitioners to exercise their own medical judgement in accordance with their own experience, expertise, and contact with the applicant to determine whether "trans-sexual surgery" has been performed and whether as a result of surgery the sex designation on the birth registration should be changed.
- Hormone blockers that prevent puberty and the development of second sex characteristics do not qualify as a "trans-sexual surgery" on their own right without any other surgical interventions, like the trans-sexual surgeries funded by BC's Medical Service Plan.



Change of Sex Designation

*What you need to know
about amending your BC
Birth Record as a result of
Trans-Sexual surgery
(SRS)*

Transgender Health Program

Three Bridges Community Health Centre
#301 – 1290 Hornby Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 1W2
Phone / TTY: 604-734-1514
Or 1-866-999-1514 (toll-free in BC)
Fax: 604-633-4241
Website: www.transhealth.ca
Email: transhealth@vch.ca

It is important you know that ...

- In British Columbia, changing the sex designation of one's birth record is outlined in the *Vital Statistics Act (VSA)*, section 27, which is outlined at the following URL:
 - http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_96479_01
- A new BC Birth Certificate is not automatically issued following a trans-sexual surgery (SRS) or after the amendment to your BC birth record.
- The easiest way to request a new BC Birth Certificate is to complete the "Application for Amendment to Birth Registration" section of the Application for Change of Sex Designation form, which is at the end of the VSA 509.
- Vital Statistic offers two different certificates, and you may select the type of certificate you desire. You must submit the applicable payment for the requested certificate(s), which is not included in the \$27.00 amendment fee. **There is an additional fee of \$27 for a new birth certificate** that reflects the gender change.

Steps to Amend your BC Birth Record:

- The following three forms must be completed in full and accurately.
 1. You need to fill in the Application for Change of Sex Designation on Birth Registration form--VSA 509.
 2. The surgeon who performed the surgery must complete the Medical Certificate of Trans-sexual Surgery (SRS) form on your behalf--VSA 510.
 3. The medical practitioner who did not perform the surgery, but must be **qualified and licensed to practise medicine in the jurisdiction where you reside/live** and also must be able to certify that the results are completed by acceptable medical standards, completes the Supporting Medical Certificate of Trans-sexual Surgery (SRS) form on your behalf--VSA 511.
 4. Mail the three completed forms to:

Vital Statistics Agency
Attention: Ingrid Bloomfield
305 - 478 Bernard Avenue
Kelowna BC V1Y 6N7

- Alternatively, you may complete the application online at the url below after the sex designation has been updated to your birth registration.
<https://ecos.vs.gov.bc.ca/>
- Ensure the forms are complete, which includes addresses and contact information.
- Always use ink to complete the forms.
- All signatures must be originals. Physician's office stamps are not acceptable.
- Persons born outside of BC must contact their province or country of birth to alter their birth records.

Additional Information:

- Feel free to contact Ingrid Bloomfield of Vital Statistic BC for further clarification on requirements for amendments to records as a result of trans-sexual surgery.

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