

DEEDS - POLL CHANGE OF NAME

Deeds Poll relating to change of name may generally be enrolled for safe record upon the Applicant fulfilling the following requirements :-

1. The Applicant must be described in the deed as a natural-born British subject or as a naturalised British subject. *20.10.34. Deeds must describe that a woman must describe her status as spinster. M.W. or feme sole.*
2. The Applicant being male, or if female, a spinster, must produce a British birth certificate or a certificate of naturalisation (only certified copies of birth certificates from Somerset House are accepted). In exceptional cases secondary or other evidence may be accepted of British nationality.
3. If the Applicant is a married woman the Birth Certificate of her husband and her marriage certificate must be produced and the consent of the husband, duly witnessed by a Solicitor must be endorsed on the Deed. Only in exceptional cases can this consent be dispensed with.
4. If the Applicant is a widow or a feme sole the Birth Certificate of her husband and her marriage certificate and the certificate of death of her husband or the divorce decree absolute must be produced.
5. Such certificate or certificates as above and the Deed poll must be exhibited to a Declaration or Affidavit by a British subject who is a householder resident in the United Kingdom and who must so declare or swear. The deponent must state the period that he has known the Applicant (generally not less than 15 years knowledge is required) and must identify the certificate or certificates exhibited with the applicant.
6. If the person changing his or her name is residing abroad, evidence will be required that the residence abroad is temporary and not intended to be permanent and a certificate from a Solicitor as to the nature and probable duration of such residence abroad may be required.
7. The Deed-Poll must be signed in both the old and the new names.
8. The Deed-Poll must be advertised in the London Gazette after enrolment, and a copy of the Gazette produced when the Deed is taken up.

17th June, 1931.

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