

Personal Status Registration Act

Article 20 :

- The child's name shall be selected by the person who notifies the childbirth. A simple or compound name (Hossein, Mohammad, Mehdi and like), which is commonly considered as one name, can be selected for a child.
- It is prohibited to select names which denigrate Islamic sanctities as well as repulsive and obscene titles, nicknames and names or unsuitable with the gender.
- Recognition of the fact that the chosen name is prohibited or not is at the discretion of Supreme Council of Personal Status Registration and this council shall prepare a list of acceptable and non-prohibited names and furnish to the Organization.
- Selection of name concerning religious minorities approved by Constitutional Law shall be subject to their religious language and culture.
- It is mandatory to mention the word "Seyyed or Sadat" to the name of Seyyeds or Sadats whose descendance of the Prophet has been mentioned in ID Card of their father or paternal grandfather, or their descendance of the Prophet has been proved by religious reasons; except those who believe they are not "Seyyed or Sadat" or their non-descendance of the Prophet has been religiously ascertained.

Changeable Names are as follow:

By virtue of article 20 of Personal Status Registration Act and the notes thereof, it is prohibited to select the following names and the holders are authorized to change it, observing the relevant regulations.

- 1- Names which denigrate Islamic sanctities, such as "Abdollat and Abdoloza"
(Lat and Oza are the names of two idols worshiped in Holy Mecca before Islam)
- 2- Compound names which are not commonly considered as one name (unusual compound names) such as: "Saeid Behzad, Shohreh Fatemeh, Hossein known as Kambiz and"
- 3- Titles, either civil or military or a combination of name and title, such as "Sarvan, Sartip, Doctor, Shahrदार or Sarvan Mohammad and Shahrदार Ali"
- 4- Nicknames, including simple or compound, such as: "Malakoldoleh, Khan, Shokatolmolk, Hajieh Soltan and Soltanali"

5- Repulsive and obscene names, repulsive and obscene names are the names which are repulsive and obscene for the holders in terms of time, location or the following reasons and aspects and the issue is confirmed by Supreme Council.

5-1- The names indicate disagreeable qualities and contradictory to human exalted values, such as: Gorg, Ghouchi and

5-2- The names which are contradictory to the majority custom and culture as well as religious sanctities, such as "Lat, Khounriz, Changiz and ..."

5-3- The names disseminate and advance foreign culture, such as "Vanoushka, Jakardo, Shahdoust and ..."

5-4- The names which humiliate and degrade people or their literal meaning are not acceptable by the society, such as "Sad Tomani, Gotagha, Kaniz, Geda and ..."

6- The names unsuitable with gender, such as "Mashaallah for females or Asharaf and or Akram for males".

7- Elimination of excessive and unnecessary words in individuals' name, such as Gholi, Gholam, Gorg, Zolf and Ghouch

8- Amendment of the dictation misspellings in individuals' name due to non-familiarity of personal status registration official with accents and local terms and meanings or due to pronunciation, such as Zahrab to Sohrab or Manigeh to Manijeh and or ...

9- Having similar name with father or mother in a family.

10- Having similar name with brothers or sisters in a family.

11- Amendment of names from Arabic writing form to Persian writing form such as رحمن to رحمان , اسماعيل to اسماعيل , اسحاق to اسحاق and ...

12- Changing the name of persons converted and adhered to Islam upon confirmation of competent authorities.

13- Changing the name of persons whose names are the name of weekdays.

14- Changing the name of persons who changed their sex and the competent court has ordered the change of their gender in identity documents and ID Card.

The prefix "Abd" specially uses for the names and qualities of God and the applicant may request for its omission in other cases.

The following persons may refer to State Personal Status Registration Departments and request for change or amendment of their names as mentioned above.

- 1- People aged over 18
- 2- People aged lower 18 having Growth Award
- 3- Father or paternal grandfather while submitting identity card, for children less than 18 years old
- 4- Legal guardian (guardian, trustee, administrator) of minor and incapacitated persons, while submitting the relevant documents in which his/her position has been ascertained.

Necessary Documents :

- 1- Original and two copies of ID Card
- 2- Completion of Application Form for Name Change (Form No.5)
- 3- Payment of relevant expense as per current tariff.

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1- For modification or amendment of name, all State Personal Status Registration Departments may receive the above mentioned documents within office hours and days.

Meanwhile, submission of request for changing a name in a place other than issuance place of the ID Card is acceptable; in this case, after receiving the request and sending to the relevant department (issuance place of the ID Card) and being discussed at Conciliation Board (Form No. 6), the necessary measure shall be taken and the result shall be notified to the sending department for the applicant's information.

- 1- Since the request concerning name change must be discussed and decided by Conciliation Board of the relevant department (issuance place of ID Card), observing the relevant rules and regulations; therefore, agreement with the request shall be subject to the verdict issued by Conciliation Board.
- 2- The following measures shall be taken after notification of the verdict issued by Conciliation Board:
 - a) If the verdict is in agreement with the applicant's request, the ID Card shall be issued with the new name after notification of applicant and application for execution of verdict.
 - b) If the verdict is against the applicant's request, he/she may refer to the court of his/her place of residence and submit his/or objection within the specified moratorium (10 days of notification) based on article 4 of Personal Status Registration Act.

Necessary Recommendations:

Tradition descended from the Prophet: Parents are bound to select good name for their children.

Based on article 997 of Civil Law: