

Name Change of Minor Child Information

To obtain a name change for a minor, petitioners have two options:

1. Both biological parents of the minor must consent to the change. The consent form is contained within the Petition to Change Name of Minor.

2. If both biological parents do not consent, the Court will set a hearing and the petitioner must notify the non-consenting parent using Vermont Rules of Probate Procedure Rule 4(d) service. The petition must include the name and current address of both biological parents. If the name or address of a noncustodial parent is not available, the petition may be delayed, since you must then demonstrate that you have exercised due diligence in trying to locate that parent.
 - The petitioner must give the name and current address of both the biological parents. If the name or address of the non-custodial parent is not available, the petition may be delayed since the petitioner must then demonstrate that they have exercised due diligence in trying to locate that parent.

 - If the minor is over fourteen years of age, under 15 V.S.A. §812, their consent must be solicited before the Court will proceed with the name change.

 - Please download the Petition to Change Name of Minor from the Minor Child Name Change forms on the Judiciary Website www.VermontJudiciary.org.

 - This petition is also available at the Probate Court.

 - The petition must be completed and returned to the Court with a Copy of Birth Certificate. At the time of filing there will be a filing fee due.

 - If a hearing is required, you will receive a notice.