



## ANALYSIS

Title	2. Registration of change of name
1. Short Title	3. Registration of adoptions

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1969, No. 68

**An Act to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1951**  
*[23 October 1969]*

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1969, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1951 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Registration of change of name**—Section 17A of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) By adding to paragraph (a) of subsection (5) the words “except where the person was a woman and the change related only to a surname acquired on marriage and he has received from her a written request to the contrary”:
- (b) By inserting in paragraph (b) of subsection (5), after the words “in every case”, the words “, other than one to which such a request as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection applies,”:
- (c) By omitting from paragraph (c) of subsection (5) the word “thereafter”, and substituting the words “after entry of the memorial”.

**3. Registration of adoptions**—(1) Section 21 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 4 (1) of the Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1961) is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from subsection (7), and also from subsection (8), the words “or the Registrar is satisfied”, and substituting in each case the words “is satisfied”:
- (b) By adding to subsection (7) the words “and that the supply of a copy of the original or any former entry would not be a contravention of the principles set out in section 23 of the Adoption Act 1955”:
- (c) By adding to subsection (8) the words “and that the inspection would not be a contravention of the principles set out in section 23 of the Adoption Act 1955”.

(2) Section 21 of the principal Act (as so inserted) is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:

“(9) In case of a dispute as to whether a person should be supplied with a copy of the original or any former entry pursuant to subsection (7) of this section or permitted to inspect any such original or former entry pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, the Registrar-General shall, upon that person’s request, submit the matter to a Magistrate, whose decision shall be final.”

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This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.

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