

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON GENDER RECOGNITION (“IWG”)

**COMPARATIVE TABLE OF GENDER RECOGNITION SCHEMES
IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES**

NOTE:

The blank boxes in the table below signify that there is no such express requirement under the gender recognition scheme in the particular country.

KEY:

✓ : The requirement is expressly provided under the scheme concerned.

✗ : The requirement is expressly eliminated under the scheme concerned.

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ASIA PACIFIC																		
1.	Australia Capital Territory	–	Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Amendment Act (current version effective since 29.08.2016) & Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender published on 01.07.2013	(Admin) Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriage	✗ (diff evidence required from adult and child)	✓ (birth registered in the Capital Territory)							Unclear (appropriate clinical treatment required)	Unclear (appropriate clinical treatment required)	✗	Sex record in registration of birth & other government records & new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of sex record in the registration of birth & other government records & issuance of new birth certificate)
2.	Australia Northern Territory	–	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act (current version in force since 01.01.2015)	(Admin) Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	✗ (diff evidence required from adult and child)	✓ (birth registered in the Northern Territory)	✓								✓ (sex reassignment surgery)	Particulars of the change of sex in the Register & new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of sex in the Register & issuance of new birth

1 Ie, whether judicial or administrative scheme.

2 Ie, requirements expressly set out in legislation or court order(s).

3 Ie, birth certificate/ identification documents/ passport/ other documents.

4 Ie, whether legislation for all legal purposes or limited purposes.

5 Eg, Married persons excluded; forced or automatic divorce; existing marriage voidable.

6 Whether requirement of no children.

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3.	Australia – New South Wales	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1995 (current version in force since 04.05.2016)	(Admin) Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	✗ (diff evidence required from adult and child)	✓ (Aus citizen or permanent resident or living in NSW for 12 mths or born overseas)	✓								✓ (sex affirmation procedure)	Record of the person's sex in registration of birth & new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of sex record in the registration of birth & issuance of new birth certificate)
4.	Australia – Queensland	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003 (current version in force since 22.03.2016)	(Admin) Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	✗ (diff evidence required from adult and child)		✓								✓ (sexual reassignment surgery)	Sex entry in register of births & new birth certificate	Unclear	Expressly for all legal purposes (following change of sex entry in the register of births & issuance of new birth certificate)
5.	Australia – South Australia	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 (current version in force since 23.05.2017)	(Admin) Registrar for Births, Deaths and Marriages	✗ (Court's approval for child applicant)	✓ (birth registered in South Aus or being a resident for 12 consecuti ve	✗		Unclear (clinical treatment that may include or be constituted by counselling)						✗ (sufficient amount of appropriate clinical treatment which need not involve invasive medical	Entry about the change of the person's sex or gender identity in the Register or an identity acknowledge ment certificate	✓	Expressly for all legal purposes (following change of sex entry in the Register or & issuance of identity acknowledge

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					months)								treatment)	(for applicant born outside Australia)		ment certificate)	
6.	Australia Tasmania	– Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1999 (current version in force since 01.07.2010)	(Admin) Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (birth registered in Tasmania)	✓							✓ (sex reassignme nt surgery)	Sex entry in the register of births & new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of sex entry in the register of births & issuance of new birth certificate)	
7.	Australia Victoria	– Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 (current version in force since 01.03.2017)	(Admin) Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	✗ (diff evidence required from adult and child)	✓ (birth registered in Victoria)	✓							✓ (sex affirmation surgery)	Record of the person's sex in the person's birth registration & new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of sex record in birth registration & issuance of new birth certificate)	
8.	Australia Western Australia	– Gender Reassignment Act 2000 (current version in force since 06.12.2013)	(Admin) Gender Reassignment Board consisting of members from legal & medical fields & a post-SRS person & a person with	✗ (diff evidence required from adult and child)	✓ (birth registered in Western Aus)	✓		Unclear (proper counselling)	Unclear (has adopted lifestyle of another sex)				✓ (has gender characterist ics of the sex reassigned)	✗ (according to court decision)	New birth certificate	✓ (reassigne- -nt procedure carried out overseas)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)

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			experience in equal opportunity matters													
9.	India	Supreme Court's decisions (12.12.2013 & 15.04.2014)	(Judicial) Supreme Court of India					✓ (psychologi cal test)			✗		✗	Passport, ration card, driver's license etc.	Unclear	Unclear
10.	Japan	Law No. 111 as revised by Law No. 70 in June 2008	(Judicial) Family Courts	✓ (20 yrs)	✓ (people with info in family registry (<i>Koseki</i>))	✓	✓ (must have no children under 20)	✓ (gender identity disorder)					✓	Sex entry in family registry (<i>Koseki</i>)	Unclear	Expressly for all legal purposes (following change of sex entry in <i>Koseki</i>)
11.	Mainland China	Official Reply on the Relevant Questions of Post-Operative Transsexual Citizens Changing the Sex Entry in Household Registration issued on 23.10.2008	(Admin) Local Municipal Public security authority	✓ (21 yrs) (but minors in Shanxi province are allowed since 2014)	✓ (citizen)	✓		✓ (gender identity disorder & psychiatric/ psychological counseling for 1 yr)		✓ (for 5 yrs)			✓ (sex reassignment surgery resulting in removal of original sex organs, reconstruction of external sex organs & secondary sexual characteristics of new gender)	Household Registration (<i>Hukou</i>) and identity card	✓ (foreign SRS accepted in Henan province, unclear for other provinces)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of <i>Hukou</i> and identity card)

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12.	New Zealand	Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationship Registration Act 1995, Part 5 (ss 27A to 33) and s 64	(Judicial) Family Court	✗ (diff requirements between adult and child)	✓ (birth registered or registrable in NZ or NZ citizen or permanent resident)	✗ (removal of marital status exclusion in Aug 2013)					✓ (intention to maintain gender identity of person of nominated sex)	Unclear ("sexual reassignme nt" & "physical conformati on" to be determin ed by medical experts)	Unclear ("sexual reassignment" & "physical conformation" to be determined by medical experts)	✗ (pursuant to court decision in June 2008)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate) except with passports and the driver licence register
13.	Singapore	(A) National Registration Regulations 1991 – Reg 10	(Admin) Registration officer	✗								(sex reassignment procedure required, extent unclear)	(sex reassignment procedure required, extent unclear)	National Registration Identity card (NRIC)	Unclear	Limited purposes applicable to NRIC (following issuance of new NRIC)	
		(B) Women's Charter 1996 – s 12	(Admin) Registrar of Marriages	✓ (16 yrs)									(sex reassignment procedure required, extent unclear)	(sex reassignment procedure required, extent unclear)	Marriage certificate	Unclear	For purposes of marriage
14.	South Korea	Family Registration Regulation as amended in January 2010 & Seoul Western	(Judicial) Local courts	✓ (20 yrs)	Unclear (people with info on gov database)	✓	✓ (must have no children)	✓ (long- -term psychiatric treatment)						✗	Information on government database	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of information on

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		District Court's ruling (15.03.2013)													government database)	
15.	Taiwan	administrative order (documented No. 0970066240) issued by the Ministry of the Interior in 2008	(Admin) Household Registration Bureau		✓ (Taiwan citizen)			✓ (certification by two psychiatrists with diagnosis of GID or gender dysphoria)					✓ (removal of all relevant sexual organs)	Household Registration Certificates and National Identification Cards	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new identity card)
16.	Vietnam	Legislation (title unknown yet) passed on 24 November 2015 and to take effect in early 2017	(Admin) Authority to be confirmed										✓ (gender reassignme nt)	Registry of civil status	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of civil status)
EUROPE																
17.	Austria	Austrian Civil Status Law (<i>Personenstand sgesetz – PstG</i>) ss 16 & 19 & Administrative Court decisions in 2006 & 2009	(Admin) Birth registrar	✗	✓ (birth registered in Austria)	✗ (court decision in 2006)		✓ (gender identity change verified by psychologist or psychother- apeutist)			✗	✗	✗	Amended birth certificate and/or marriage certificate and or new personal documents (e.g. passport)	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate or new personal documents)

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18.	Belgium	Belgian Civil Code, <i>Law reforming regimes relating to transgender persons as regards the mention of a change in the registration of sex in civil status documents and its effects</i>	(Admin) Local registrar of vital statistics and Public Prosecutor	✓ (not available for children aged 12 or under; parental authorization and approval of a psychiatrist needed for children between 16 and 18)				✗		✓			✗	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of entry in the register of birth)
19.	Bulgaria	No specific legislation or procedure regulating gender recognition	(Judicial) Court			✓ (gender change leads to divorce)		✓ (Medical diagnosis or psychological opinion)			✗	✗	✗	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
20.	Croatia	State Registries Law (amended in June 2013), Articles 9 & 36	(Admin) Ministry of Health	✗		✓		✓ (change of sex or life in a different gender)			✗	✗	✗	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth)

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21.	(Republic of) Cyprus	Civil Registry Law (2002)	(Admin) Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Interior	✓ (not available for minors i.e. below 17 yrs)		✓		✓ (medical diagnosis or psychological opinion)					✓	New passport, identity card and electoral identity booklet	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new passport, identity card and electoral identity booklet)
22.	Czech Republic	Civil Code no. 89/2012 Coll (took effect on 01.01.2014)	(Admin) Local registry office	✓ (not available for minors i.e. below 18 yrs)		✓		✓ (medical diagnosis or psychological opinion)					✓	new birth certificate or a personal identification number (called a Birth Number)	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate and Birth Number)
23.	Denmark	Lovforslag L 182 and L 189 (passed on 11.06.2014)	(Admin) Relevant authority	✓ (18 yrs)				✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	CPR number, National Health Card and other personal documents including passports, birth certificates and social security numbers	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following update of personal documents)

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24.	Estonia	General Requirements on Medical Procedures for the Change of Gender issued by the Minister for Social Affairs (07.05.1999)	(Admin) Medical expert committee appointed by Ministry for Social Affairs	✓ (not available for minors i.e below 18 yrs)		✗		✓ (transsexuality)					✗	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
25.	Finland	The Act on the Recognition of the Sex of Transsexual Individuals (took effect on 01.01.2003) & Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Decree 1053/2002	(Admin) Local register office (Maistraatti)	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (citizen or resident)	✓ unless consent by spouse or partner		✓ (permanently experiences being a member of the opposite sex)	✓ (6 to 12 months)		✓		✓	New personal identification code	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following acquisition of new personal identification code)
26.	France	Civil Code	(Judicial) High Court	✓ (depends on whether the minor concerned is an “emancipated minor”)		✗		✗			✗		✗	Civil status record	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following modification of civil status)
27.	Germany	The Law on Transsexuals of	(Judicial) Court	✗	✓ (national,	✗		✓ (psychiatric	✓ (3 yrs)	✓		✗	✗	New birth certificate	✓ (limited to	(Apparently) for all legal

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		(10.09.1980) & Personal Status Law (01.11.2013) & German Constitutional Court decisions (1982, 2008, 2011)			resident, persons with rights of asylum or refugees domicile & foreigner with indefinite rights of residence or renewable residence permit & foreigner presentin g in Germany lawfully and not merely temporari ly)			diagnosis based on ICD-10)								foreign nationals if the law in their country of nationality does not contain provisions comparable to the German Transsexual Act and the foreign national has legal status under German immigratio n law)	purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
28.	Greece	Court decisions	(Judicial) Court	✓ (18 yrs)				✓ (psychological hermaphro- ditism or predisposition towards the other sex)					x	Identity papers & birth certificates	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new identity papers &	

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29.	Hungary	Civil Code (took effect in 2009)	(Admin) Ministry of Health			✓		✓ (gender identity confirmed by psychiatrist psychologist gynaecologist or urologist)			✗	✗	✗	Gender entry in the birth registry, passport, driver's licence	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of gender entry in the birth registry)
30.	Iceland	Law on legal status of individuals with Gender Identity Disorder (2012)	(Admin) Minister appointed expert committee on GID	✓ (legal age i.e. 18 yrs)	✓ (birth registered in Iceland)	✗	✗	✓ (GID)	✓ (Treatment of min 18 months whereof 12 months in the opposite gender role)				✗	New social security number and ID card	Unclear	Expressly for all legal purposes (following issuance of new social security number and ID card)
31.	Ireland	Gender Recognition Act (2015)	(Admin) Minister for Social Protection	✓ (18 yrs) (diff evidence required for children of 16 and 17 yrs old)	✓ (birth registered in Ireland or foreign births entry book or foreign)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓ (“settled and solemn intention ”)	✗	✗	✗	Correction of register of births and identification documents following issuance of gender recognition certificate	✓ (foreign jurisdiction with gender recognition requirement equivalent to the Irish requirements regarding self-	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of gender recognition certificate)

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					births register or ordinary residence)									declaration)		
32.	Italy	Rules concerning rectification of sexual attributes (Norme in materia di rettificazione di attribuzione di sesso) (14.08.1982) Articles 3, 4, 5	(Judicial & Admin) Court	✓ (not available for minors i.e. below 18 yrs)	Italian residents (court decisions)	✗ (court decision of April 2015)		✓ (psycho- physical condition subject to court decision)					✗ (court ruling in July 2015)	Personal records and documents, birth certificate	Unclear	Expressly for all legal purposes (following change of civil status documents)
33.	Latvia	Law on Sexual and Reproductive Health (2009) & Law on the Change of a Name, Surname and Ethnicity Entry (2009)	(Admin) Competent authority	✗	✓ (citizen or non- citizen or stateless person whose status was granted by Latvia)							✓	Name change (documents affected unknown)	Unclear	Unclear	
34.	Liechtenstein	No specific legislation or procedure regulating	(Admin and court) Principality of									✓ (gender reassignment surgery)	Amended records in the official registers	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following	

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35.	Luxembourg	Court decisions	(Judicial) Court	X		X		✓ (discrepancy between psychological experience & biological sex)					✓	Official records of civil status & rectified birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of rectified birth certificate)
36.	Malta	Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act (passed on 1.4.2015)	(Admin) Director for Public Registry	X	Citizens	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	Entry of note in the act of birth and/or full certificate of the act of birth without showing the annotations issued and/or ID card and/or other identification documents	✓ (final decision by a competent foreign court or responsible authority)	Expressly for all legal purposes (at the date of entry of the note in the act of birth)
37.	Moldova	Court decisions	(Admin and judicial) Registry Office and court			✓		✓ (transsexuali sm)					X (according to court decisions)	Amended legal documents	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following amendment of official documents)
38.	Netherlands	Staatsblad van	(Admin)	✓	Person of	X		✓		✓	X	X	X	Birth	Unclear	(Apparently)

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		het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden 2014, 1 (took effect on 01.07.2014)	Civil Registry	(16 yrs)	Dutch nationality or person with valid residence permit and domiciling in the Netherland s for at least 1 year			(permanent conviction to belong to another gender)		(permanent conviction to belong to another gender)				certificate, passport & other official documents		for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
39.	Norway	Law Amending the Legal Status (2016)	(Admin) Tax Office (National Population Register)	✓ (16 yrs, and for those aged between 6 and 16, parental permis sion is necessary)	✓ (residing in Norway under the National Registry Law)			✗					✗	New gender entry in the National Registry	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes following registration of new legal gender in the National Registry save for necessity for establishing parenthood and custody in which birth gender is assumed)
40.	Poland	Civil Code, Article 189	(Judicial) Civil court		✓ (Polish national)			✓ (confirming that he/she is a transsexual or intersex)			✓ (having undergone hormonal therapy resulting			birth certificate (with gender change information appended),	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following appending gender

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											in predominant and irreversible features)			new ID and Personal Identification Number, new passport		change information to birth certificate)
41.	Portugal	Gender Identity Law (2011)	(Admin) Civil Registry Office	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (Portugu- ese nationality)	✗		✓ (GID)					✗	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
42.	Romania	Article 44 of Law 119/1996 (1996)	(Judicial) Court	✓ (not available for minors i.e. below 18 yrs)	✓ (birth registered in Romania)	✗		✓ (forensic medical certificate stating his/her sex)					Unclear (subject to court decision)	Amended birth certificate & ID card	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following amendment of birth certificate and ID card)
43.	Russian Federation	Federal Law No 143 FZ on Civil Status Acts (1997)	(Admin and court) Civil Status Registration bodies or court		✓ (birth registered in Russian Federatio n)			✓ (transsexualism under ICD-10)					✓	Amended Civil Status records	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following amendment of Civil Status records)
44.	Serbia	The Constitutional Court of the Republic of	(Admin) municipal government										✓ (according to the Constitutio-	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following

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45.	Slovakia	No specific legislation or procedure regulating gender change	(Admin) Register Office	✓ (not available for minors i.e. below 18 yrs)	✓ (birth registered in Slovakia)						✓		✓	Amended birth certificate, ID card	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following amendment of birth certificate and ID card)
46.	Slovenia	The Register of Civil Status Act Article 4	(Admin) Ministry of Interior		✓ (citizen)								✓	New birth certificate	✓ (foreign SRS)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
47.	Spain	Act on the Rectification of the mention of Gender in Registries (<i>Ley 3/2007 Rectificacion registral de la sexo de las personas</i>) (2007)	(Admin) Civil Registry	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (Spanish nationality)	✗		✓ (gender dysphoria)	✓ (2 yrs)			✓	✗	Rectification of the gender marker on the Civil Registry	✗	Expressly for all legal purposes (following rectification of the gender marker in Civil Registry)

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)				Genital surgery leading to sterilization
48.	Sweden	Gender Recognition Act (2012)	(Admin) National Board of Health and Welfare	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (registered resident)	✗				✓			✗	Amended records in the civil registration	✓ (foreign gender recognition)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following amendment of records in the civil registration)
49.	Switzerland	The Civil Code (1907) Article 42 & various court decisions	(Judicial) Court	✓ (25 yrs)	✓ (resident)			✓					✗ (according to a few court decisions)	Amended records in the official registers	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following amendment of records in the official registers)
50.	Turkey	The Civil Code (2002) Article 40	(Judicial) Court	✓ (18 yrs)		✓	✓ (infertile before applying for sex reassign- ment surgery)	✓ (requires medical report stating that the person needs to have a gender change operation for his/her mental health)	✓ (observan- -tion by psychiatris ts of an education and research hospital for 2 yrs when real life test is being undergon e)				✓ (requires permission from the court to undergo a sex reassignme- nt)	Amended gender marker on civil status register, amended birth certificate, passport and other personal documents upon application	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following amendment of gender marker on civil status register)
51.	Ukraine	The Bases of Ukrainian	(Admin) Ministry of	✓ (25 yrs)		✗	✗	✓ (transsexualism			Unclear (medical	Unclear (medical	✗	Amended birth	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal

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		Legislation on Health Protection (1992) Article 51 & Order No. 1041 (December 2016) issued by the Ministry of Health (2011)	Health and Registry Office					under ICD-10)				internvention, endocrinological therapy)	internvention, endocrinological therapy)		certificate, new passport		purposes (following amendment of birth certificate and passport)
52.	United Kingdom	Gender Recognition Act 2004	(Judicial) Gender Recognition Panels consisting of qualified members from legal & medical fields	✓ (18 yrs)		✗	✗	✓	✓ (2 yrs)	✓		Unclear (modifying sexual characteristics needed)	✗	Entry in birth registry & new birth certificate	✓	Expressly for all legal purposes (following change of sex entry in birth registry & issuance of new birth certificate)	
NORTH AMERICA																	
53.	Canada Alberta	– Vital Statistics Act, Chapter V-4.1, s 30 (amended by the Statutes Amendment Act, SA 2014 c8 on 05.05.2014)	(Admin) Registrar of Vital Statistics	✗		✓ unless with consent of the other party to the marriage		✓ (medical confirmation that the sex designation requested corresponds with the sex					✗ (according to court decision)	New birth certificate &/or new marriage certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate &/or marriage	

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		& Vital Statistics Information Regulation (Oct 2016)						designation with which the applicant identifies)								certificate)
54.	Canada British Columbia	– Vital Statistics Act [RSBC 1996] CHAPTER 479, s 27 (2014) and	(Admin) Registrar General of the Vital Statistics Agency	✗ (minor needs consent of parents & guardians)	✓ (birth registered in BC who can reside overseas)	✗ (removal of marital status exclusion in Old Act)		✓ (sex designation not corresponding with gender identity)		✓ (intention to maintain gender identity)			✗ (removal of proof of trans-sexual surgery in old Act)	New birth certificate	✓ (overseas physician confirming sex designation not corresponding with gender identity)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
55.	Canada Manitoba	– Vital Statistics Act s 25 (2016)	(Admin) Director of Vital Statistics	✗	✓ (birth registered in Manitoba or being a Canadian citizen residing in Manitoba for at least 1 yr)	✗		✓ (material from a health care professional stating that the applicant's sex designation on birth registration inconsistent with which applicant identifies)	✓ (living full-time in a manner consistent with requester sex designatio n)	✓ (intention to live full-time in a manner consistent with requester sex designatio n)			✗ (previous requirement of transsexual surgery removed)	New birth certificate	✓ (change of sex designation overseas may be recognised provided that legal requirement of the foreign jurisdiction is comparable to that of Manitoba)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
56.	Canada – New	Vital Statistics	(Admin)		✓								✓	New birth	✓	(Apparently)

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)				Genital surgery leading to sterilization
	Brunswick	Act 1979, SNB 1979, c V-3 (took effect on 01.10.2015), s 34	Registrar General		(birth registered in New Brunswick)								(trans-sexual surgery)	certificate	(require certificate of medical practitioner qualified in jurisdiction where surgery was performed)	for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
57.	Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador	Vital Statistics Act 2009 (took effect on 13.04.2016), Article 26	(Admin) Registrar General	✓ (16 yrs)	✓ (birth registered in Newfoun dland and Labrador)	✗ (change of sex on marriage certificate allowed with spouse's consent)		✓ (medical confirmation that sex designation requested is consistent with the sex designation to be changed)		✓ (has assumed, identifies with and intends to maintain the gender identity to be changed)			✗ (previous requirement of transsexual surgery removed)	New birth certificate		(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
58.	Canada – Nova Scotia	Vital Statistics Act (took effect on 22.09.2015), s 25	(Admin) Registrar General	✗ (minor needs consent of parents & guardians)	✓ (birth registered in Scotia or having registrati on in the Registry)			✓ (medical confirmation that the sex shown on birth registration does not correspond with gender identity to be changed)		✓ (has assumed, identifies with and intends to maintain the gender identity to be changed)			✗ (previous requirement of sex reassignme -nt surgery removed)	Notation of change of sex on birth registration or, in case birth is registered overseas, any registration in the Registrar's office	✓ (require proof by foreign profession that the sex on birth registration does not correspond with gender identity)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following notation of change of sex on birth registration or any other registration)

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)	Genital surgery leading to sterilization			
59.	Canada – Ontario	Vital Statistics Act (2012) and Human Rights Tribunal's ruling in <i>XY v. Ontario</i> (<i>Government and Consumer Services</i>), 2012 HRTO 726 dated 11.4.2012	(Admin) Registrar General	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (birth registered in Ontario)			✓ (requires that the applicant's gender identity does not accord with the sex designation on the birth registration)	✓ (living full-time in the gender identity that accords with the requested change in sex designation)	✓ (intend to maintain the requester gender identity)			✗ (transsexual surgery is no longer required pursuant to the Human Rights Tribunal's ruling on 11.4.2012)	New birth certificate and birth registration	✓ (foreign medical opinion that gender identity does not accord with sex designation / foreign gender recognition)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
60.	Canada – Prince Edward Island	Vital Statistics Act (2016)	(Admin) Director of Vital Statistics		✓ (birth registered in Prince Edward Island)			✓ (medical confirmation that the sex recorded on the applicant's registration of birth does not correspond with his/her gender identity)		✓ (has assumed, identifies with, and intends to maintain, the gender identity to be changed)			✗ (previous requirement of sex reassignment surgery removed)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
61.	Canada – Quebec	Civil Code (2016)	(Admin) Registrar of Civil Status	✗ (minor needs)	✓ (Canadian citizen)								✗	Amendment to birth record	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)				Genital surgery leading to sterilization
				consent of tutor)	who have been domiciled in Quebec for at least one year)											(following amendment to birth record)
62.	Canada Saskatchewan	– Vital Statistics Act (2016)	(Admin) Registrar of Vital Statistics	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (birth registered in Saskatch- ewan)			✓ (medical confirmation that the applicant has assumed, identifies with and is maintaining the gender identity to be changed))		✓ (has assumed, identifies with and intends to maintain the gender identity to be changed)			✗ (previous requirement of sex reassignme- nt surgery removed)	Amendment to statement of live birth, new birth certificate and statement of marriage	✓ (foreign medical professional 's confirmation that the applicant has assumed, identifies with and is maintaining the gender identity to be changed)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
63.	Canada Yukon Territory	– Vital Statistics Act (2016)	(Admin) Registrar of Vital Statistics		✓ (birth registered in Yukon)	✗							✓ (requires change of one's anatomical sex structure)	New birth certificate or marriage certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
64.	Mexico Federal District	– A Bill passed on 13 November 2014	(Admin) Birth Registry		✓ (birth registered			✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	Adjusted birth certificates	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)	Genital surgery leading to sterilization			
					in Mexico City)											(following issuance of adjusted birth certificate)
65.	United States – Alabama	Alabama Code § 22-9A-19(d) (2004)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar & court		✓ (birth registered in Alabama)								✓ (sex reassignment surgery)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
66.	United States – Alaska	Alaska Statutes § 18.50.320 (2005)	(Admin & judicial) Bureau and the custodian of permanent local records & court		✓ (birth registered in Alaska)								Unclear (divergent court decisions)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
67.	United States – Arizona	Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 36-337 (2006)	(Admin) State Registrar	✗	✓ (birth registered Arizona)								✓ (sex reassignment surgery or different chromosomal count establishing sex)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
68.	United States –	Ark. Code Ann.	(Admin &		✓								Unclear	Amended	Unclear	(Apparently)

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)				Genital surgery leading to sterilization	
	Arkansas	§ 20-18-307(d) (2005)	judicial) State Board of Health and court		(born in Arkansas)								(change of sex by surgical procedure)	birth certificate		for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)	
69.	United States – California	Cal. Health and Safety Code §103425 & §103430 (2013)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in California)								✗ (clinically appropriate treatment)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)	
70.	United States – Colorado	Colo. Rev. Stat. 25-2-115(4) (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Colorado)								Unclear (surgical procedure)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)	
71.	United States – Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-42 & 19a-42b (2015)	(Admin & judicial) Commissioner of Public Health		✗ (different procedur -es for applicants born in Connecti -cut or foreign jurisdicti -ons)							✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	Unclear (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)				Genital surgery leading to sterilization
72.	United States – Delaware	Del. Code Ann. Tit. 16 § 3131(a) (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Delaware)								Unclear (sex change by surgical procedure)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
73.	United States – District of Columbia (Washington DC)	D.C. Code Ann. § 7-210.01 (2013)	(Admin & judicial) Registrar appointed by Director of Department of Health & court (for name change only)	✗	✓ (born in the District of Columbia)			✓ (contempor ary medical standards)			✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	Unclear (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
74.	United States – Florida	Fla. Stat. Ch 29, § 382.003(7) , § 382.016 (2006) & Florida Admin Rule 64V-1.003 (2004)	(Admin) Bureau of Vital Statistics	✗	✓ (birth registered in Florida)								✓ (gender reassignment surgery & completed sexual reassignme nt)	Sex designation on birth records	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of sex designation on birth records))
75.	United States – Georgia	Ga. Code Ann. § 31-10-23(e) (2005)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Georgia)								Unclear (change of sex by surgical procedure)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth

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																certificate)
76.	United States – Hawaii	Haw. Rev. Stat. 338-17.7(a)(4) (2015)	(Admin) Department of health		✓ (born in Hawaii)			✓ (appropriat e clinical treatment for gender transition which has been completed)					✗ (abortion of requirement of genital confirmation surgery)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
77.	United States – Illinois	410 III. Comp. Stat. 535/17(1)(d) (2006) & State of Illinois Gender Reassignment Application Instructions (unknown date of issuance)	(Admin) State Registrar of Vital Records		✓ (born in Illinois)								✗ (abortion of requirement of genital reconstruction surgery)	New birth certificate	✓ (SRS outside US can be verified by US physician)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
78.	United States – Indiana	Ind. Code § 16-37-2-10 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Department of Health and court		✓ (born in Indiana)								Unclear (to be determined by court)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
79.	United States – Iowa	Iowa Code IV § 144.23 & § 144.24 (2004)	(Admin) State Registrar		✓ (born in Iowa)								✗ (surgery or other treatment)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)				Genital surgery leading to sterilization
															issuance of new birth certificate)	
80.	United States – Kansas	Kan. Admin. Regs. 28-17-20(b)(1)(A)(i) (2016)	(Admin) State department of health	✗	✓ (born in Kansas)								Unclear	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
81.	United States – Kentucky	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 213.121 (5) (2005)	(Admin & judicial) State department of health and court (for name change only)		✓ (born in the Common wealth)								Unclear (surgical procedure)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
82.	United States – Louisiana	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 40:62 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Louisiana)			✓ (diagnosed as transsexual or pseudo-her maphrodite)					✓ (sex reassignme nt or corrective surgery)	New birth certificate	✗	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
83.	United States – Maine	Code Me. R. § 10-146 Chpt. 2 para 11(A)	(Admin and court) State		✓ (born in Maine)								Unclear (surgical procedure)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes

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		(1996) & Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit 22, § 2705 (2005)	Registrar and court (for name change only)												(following issuance of new birth certificate)	
84.	United States – Maryland	Md. Code Ann., Health-General § 4-211(b) (2015)	(Admin or judicial) Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or court		✓ (born in Maryland)						✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	Unclear (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for the purpose of gender transition)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
85.	United States – Massachusetts	Mass. Gen Laws ch. 46. § 13(e) (2015)	(Admin) Town clerk		✓ (born in Massach usetts)								✓ (sex reassignme nt surgery)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
86.	United States – Michigan	Mich. Comp. Law S. § 333.2831(c) (2006)	(Admin) State registrar	✗	✓ (born in Michigan)								✓ (sex reassignment surgery)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)

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87.	United States – Minnesota	(A) Minn. Stat. § 144.218(4) (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court	✗	✓ (born in Minnesot a)									Unclear (divergent court rulings)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
		(B) Guideline of Minnesota Department of Health (date of issuance unknown)	(Admin) Department of Health	✗	✓ (born in Minnesota)			✓ (gender dysphoria – WPATH standard)							✗ (appropriate clinical treatment)	New birth certificate	Unclear
88.	United States – Mississippi	Miss. Code Ann. § 41-57-21 (2013) & 15-4 Miss. Code R. §1:106 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State registrar and court		✓ (born in Mississippi)									Unclear (gender reassignment – to be determined by court)	Marginal notation of gender change to birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of change of marginal notation of gender change to birth certificate)
89.	United States – Missouri	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 193.215(9) (2006)	(Admin & judicial) Department of Health and Human Services and court		✓ (born in Missouri)									✗ (according to judicial decision)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth

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																certificate)
90.	United States – Montana	Mont. Code Ann. § 50-15-204 (2005) & Admin. R. Mont. 37.8.311(5) (2005)	(Admin & judicial) Department of Public Health and Human Services and court		✓ (born in Montana)								Unclear (surgical procedure)	Amended birth certificate or new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended or new birth certificate)
91.	United States – Nebraska	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-604.01 (2005)	(Admin & judicial) Department of Health and Human Services and court (for name change only)		✓ (born in Nebraska)								✓ (sex reassignment surgery)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
92.	United States – Nevada	Nev. Admin. Code 440.130 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State registrar and court		✓ (born in Nevada)								Unclear (sexual transformat ion – to be determined by court)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
93.	United States – New Hampshire	NH Rev Stat § 5-C:87(V) (2013)	(Admin & judicial) Clerk of the city or town and court		✓ (born in Hampshir e)								Unclear (sex change – to be determined by court)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth

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94.	United States – New Jersey	N.J. Stat. Ann. 26:8-40.12 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court (for name change only)		✓ (born in New Jersey)								✓ (sex reassignment surgery)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
95.	United States – New Mexico	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 24-14-25(D) (2006)	(Admin) State Registrar		✓ (born in New Mexico)								Unclear (surgical procedure)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
96.	United States – New York State (outside of New York City)	NYS PHL 4176 (2014)	(Admin) Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Records	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (born in New York State)			✓ (gender dysphoria (DSM standard) or transsexualism (ICD standard)	Unclear (has been living in correct gender preceding application)				✗ (appropriate clinical treatment, SRS not necessary)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
97.	United States – New York City	24 RCNY Hlth. Code § 207.05(a)(5) & (b) (2015)	(Admin) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene		✓ (born in New York City)			Unclear (requested sex designation more accurately reflects applicant's			Unclear (requested sex designati on more accurately reflects applicant's	Unclear (requested sex designation more accurately reflects applicant's	✗	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)			
								sex or gender identity)			sex or gender identity)	sex or gender identity)			
98.	United States – North Carolina	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-118(b)(4) & (e) (2005)	(Admin) State Registrar		✓ (born in New Carolina)							✓ (sex reassignment surgery)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
99.	United States – North Dakota	N.D. Cent. Code § 23-02.1-25 (2005) & N.D. Admin. Code § 33-04-12-02 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Department of Health and court (for name change only)		✓ (born in North Dakota)							✓ (sex conversion operation)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
100.	United States – Oklahoma	Okla. Stat. Tit. 63, § 1-321 (2006) & Okla. Admin. Code 310:105-3-3 (2006)	(Admin) Vital Records Service in Oklahoma State Department of Health		✓ (born in Oklahoma)							✓ (sex reassignme nt surgery)	Gender marker on birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following change of gender marker on birth certificate)
101.	United States – Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat. § 432.235(4) (2011) &	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar of		✓ (born in Oregon)							✗ (appropriate clinical treatment,	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following

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		Or. Admin. R. 333-011-0275 (1)(e) (2014)	the Center for Health Statistics and court										SRS not required)			issuance of amended birth certificate)
102.	United States – Pennsylvania	Policy of Pennsylvania Department of Health (2016)	(Admin & judicial) The Division of Vital Records and court		✓ (born in Pennsylv ania)								✗ (appropriat e clinical treatment)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
103.	United States – Rhode Island	R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-3-21 (2005) & Vital Records Regulations of Office of Vital Records (11 November 2014)	(Admin) The Office of Vital Records		✓ (born in Rhode Island)						✗ (surgical and/or hormone treatment or other treatment appropriat e for the individual)	✗ (surgical and/or hormone treatment or other treatment appropriate for the individual)	✗ (surgical and/or hormone treatment or other treatment appropriate for the individual)	Amended or new birth certificate (old name not shown)	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended or new birth certificate)
104.	United States – South Carolina	S.C. Code Ann. § 44-63-150 (2005) & S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-19 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court	✗	✓ (born in South Carolina)								Unclear	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
105.	United States – South Dakota	S.D. Codified Laws §	(Admin & judicial)		✓ (born in								Unclear (to be	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal

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				Minimum age	Citizenship/ Residency	Marital status exclusion ⁵	Parental status exclusion ⁶	Medical diagnosis e.g. gender dysphoria, GID etc	Real life test	Intention to live in the opposite gender	Hormonal treatment	Physical adaptation (incl non-genital surgery)				Genital surgery leading to sterilization
		35-25-51 (2013) & S.D. Admin. R. 44:09:05:02 (2006)	State Registrar and court		South Dakota)								determined by court)			purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)
106.	United States – Utah	Utah Code Ann. § 26-2-11 (2004)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Utah)								Unclear (sex change – to be determined by court)	Amended birth certificate	✓ (if sex change is approved by an order of a Utah district court or a court of competent jurisdiction of another state or a province of Canada)	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
107.	United States – Vermont	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18 § 5057 & § 5112 (2011)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Vermont)						✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for that individual for the purpose of gender transition)	Unclear (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for that individual for the purpose of gender transition)	✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for that individual for the purpose of gender transition)	New birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new birth certificate)

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108.	United States – Virginia	Va. Code § 32.1-269 (2006) & 12 Va. Admin. Code § 5-550-320 (2008)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Virginia)			✓ (Evidence of preoperative diagnosis and postoperative diagnosis and description of the surgical procedure contained in a notarised affidavit from the physician performing the surgery)					✓ (surgical gender reassignme nt procedure)	Amended/ new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
109.	United States – Washington	Policy of Department of Health (took effect on 01.07.2008)	(Admin) State Registrar at the Department of Health		✓ (born in Washingt on)						✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for gender transition or intersex condition)	Unclear (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for gender transition or intersex condition)	✗ (surgical, hormonal or other treatment appropriate for gender transition or intersex condition)	Amended/ new birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended or new birth certificate)

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110.	United States – West Virginia	W. Va. Code § 16-5-25 (2006) & W. Va. Code St. R. § 64-32-12 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court (for name change only)	X	✓ (born in West Virginia)								✓ (gender reassignme nt surgery)	Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended birth certificate)
111.	United States – Wisconsin	Wis. Stat. § 69.15 (2006)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Wisconsin)								✓ (surgical sex change procedure)	Amended birth certificate (unless Court Order specifies otherwise)	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended or new birth certificate)
112.	United States – Wyoming	WY Rules and Regulations HLTH VR Ch. 10 s 3 & s 4(e)(iii) (2008)	(Admin & judicial) State Registrar and court		✓ (born in Wyoming)								Unclear (sex having been changed – to be determined by court)	Amended birth certificate (unless Court Order specifies otherwise)	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of amended or new birth certificate)
SOUTH AMERICA																
113.	Argentina	The Gender Identity Law (July 2012) and	(Admin) Public officer of	X (18 yrs or legal rep	✓ (citizen or	X		X	X	X	X		X	New birth certificate & national	✓	Expressly for all legal purposes

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		administrative guidelines governing applications by non-citizens	National Bureau of Vital Statistics or district offices	& consent needed)	permane- nt resident whose country of citizenshi p does not permit gender recogniti on)									identity card			
114.	Bolivia	The Law of Gender Identity (Law No. 807) (2016)	(Admin) Civil Registry Service	✓ (18 yrs)				✓ (psychologi cal report required)				✗		✗	(Apparently) Amended birth certificate	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes as the use of prior personal documents will be prohibited, except in cases of judgments or judicial or administrative proceedings
115.	Colombia	Government Decree (5 June 2015)	(Admin) Government					✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Identity card	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new identity card)	

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116.	Ecuador	Organic Law of the National Identity and Civil Data Management Service (2016)	(Admin) Civil Registry	✓ (18 yrs)	✓ (resident)					✓ (2 yrs)					Identity card	Unclear	(Apparently) for all legal purposes (following issuance of new identity card)
117.	Uruguay	Law 18.620 (passed in October 2009)	(Judicial) Family Courts			✗		✓ (stability & persistence of dissonance between gender assigned at birth & acquired gender lasted for at least 2 years; such requirement not in need if SRS has been done)				✗	✗	✗	Identification documents & documents that record the rights and obligations thereof	Unclear	Expressly for all legal purposes
OTHERS																	
118.	South Africa	Birth and Death Registration Act (1992), ss 19 & 27A &	(Admin) Director- General of the	✗ (18 yrs or consent of parent	✓ (birth registered in South			✓ (trans- sexualism in light of				✓ (in light of guideline	Unclear (alteration of sexual characteristics	✗ (in light of guideline of Parliament)	New birth certificate	Unclear	Expressly for all legal purposes

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	Alteration of Sex Description and Sex Status Act (2003)	National Department of Home Affairs	or legal guardian needed)	Africa)			guideline of Parliament)				of Parliament)	by surgical or medical treatment)			

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- (1) This Annex lists out, in the form of a comparative table, the main features of the gender recognition schemes in other countries and territories and represents the findings of the IWG up to May 2017. A more detailed summary of these schemes is set out in Annex B.
- (2) The information provided in this Annex is for reference purposes only. Whilst the IWG endeavours to ensure the accuracy of the information hereof, no express or implied warranty is given by the IWG as to the accuracy of the information.