

## Questions from Kathy Noble to the Australian Passport Office regarding the new 'Sex & Gender Diverse Policy'

Good Morning Donelle,

Can you please ask the following question that some of my Trans friends are asking concerning being able to amend their passport if remaining married?

We know that they can amend their passport if remaining married after surgery on a case by case basis.

- How does this apply to those who remain married and have not had sex affirmation surgery?
- Can they amend their passport as it is now based on non-surgery?
- How would this affect those who are currently married, but are in a position of entering into a divorce?
- Can they also amend their passport under the new legislation?

We are totally confused, as what seems to be a simple solution, throws up more queries as we think it through.

Yours sincerely

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## Answers from the Australian Passport Office

Dear Kathy

Thank you for your email. Applicants must meet all the usual passport application requirements to be issued a passport in their preferred gender (whether they are married or not), except that:

if the applicant is unable to, or chooses not to, obtain an amended cardinal document they will need to provide a letter from a registered medical practitioner (registered with the Medical Board of Australia or equivalent overseas authority) certifying that they have had, or are receiving, appropriate clinical treatment for gender transition to a new gender.

Sex reassignment surgery and supplying an amended birth or citizenship certificate is no longer a prerequisite to issuing a passport in a person's preferred gender.

Kind regards

Donelle

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