



## Family Court of Western Australia

# Family Court (Sex or Gender Changes) Rules 2025 (WA)

### Practice Direction (No. 4 of 2025)

#### NOTING THAT:

- A. Amendments to the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1998 (WA) commence on 30 May 2025.
- B. The Family Court (Sex or Gender Changes) Rules 2025 (WA) come into force on 30 May 2025.
  - 1. This Practice Direction applies from 30 May 2025.
  - 2. To the extent of any inconsistency, this Practice Direction prevails over the Family Court Rules 2021 (WA) and the Court's Case Management Guidelines.
  - 3. The approved forms for use under the Family Court (Sex or Gender Changes) Rules are:
    - i. in Rule 5(1) – a Form 1 Initiating Application
    - ii. in Rule 6(2) - a Form 1 Initiating Application
    - iii. in Rule 7(1) – a Form 2 Application in a Case
    - iv. in Rule 9(3) – a Form 1A - Response to Initiating Application.

4. Until further notice, all applications, and associated documents should be emailed to the Court ([family.court@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:family.court@justice.wa.gov.au)) with “Births, Deaths and Marriages application” in the subject line.
5. Service of applications and responses made under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act is to be carried out by ordinary service.
6. Notwithstanding Rule 51(2)(c) of the Family Court Rules, if a party seeks an order authorising a medical procedure under Part 4 Division 2 Subdivision 3 of the said rules, they may also seek an order under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act in the same application initiating proceedings.
7. For further information and to obtain interactive and electronic copies of the forms, parties are referred to the Court’s website at [www.familycourt.wa.gov.au](http://www.familycourt.wa.gov.au).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G Sutherland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Justice Sutherland, Chief Judge  
Family Court of Western Australia

Dated: 29 May 2025