

Name Change Affidavit — Format & Wording

A clean, ready-to-adapt affidavit format for a Gujarat Gazette name change. Type it on stamp paper of the value your notary confirms, fill every blank, and have it notarised. Updated August 2026.

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The format

AFFIDAVIT

I, _____ (present full name as it appears on my identity documents), aged _____ years, son / daughter / wife of _____, residing at _____, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. That I am a citizen of India and the deponent herein.
2. That my name has been recorded as _____ (old name) in my documents.
3. That I have changed my name from _____ (old name) to _____ (new name), with effect from the date of this affidavit.
4. That the reason for the said change is _____.
5. That henceforth I shall be known, called and identified by my new name _____ for all purposes.
6. That both the said names, namely the old name and the new name, refer to one and the same person, that is, myself.
7. That this affidavit is made to have the said change of name published in the Gujarat Government Gazette and to have my records updated accordingly.
8. That the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at _____ (place) on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

DEPONENT

(Notary's attestation, seal and register entry below)

Filling it without creating a mismatch

Blank	What goes in it
Present full name	Exactly as printed on the document you will update first, usually Aadhaar — same spelling, same order, same initials.
Old name (clauses 2 & 3)	The identical string you wrote as 'old name' on the application. Copy, do not retype from memory.
New name (clauses 3, 5)	The identical string you wrote as 'new name' on the application. One letter of difference is enough to stall it.
Relative's name	As it appears on your other records, not as it is usually spoken.
Address	Matching your address proof.
Reason	Short and truthful — marriage, spelling correction, numerology, personal preference.
Place and date	The place of execution and the actual date of notarisation.

Before you go to the notary, check three things: the old name is identical on the affidavit and the application; the new name is identical on both; and the relative's name matches your other documents. Those three checks prevent most of the queries we see.

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