

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department**

NOTICE

**Practice XXXV of the Uniform Practices of the Probate and Family Court Department
-Change of Name Actions-**

On August 1, 2018, Practice XXXV of the Uniform Practices of the Probate and Family Court Department, titled, “Change of Name Actions”, will take effect. Practice XXXV (hereinafter, “the Practice”) may be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/law-library/massachusetts-uniform-probate-and-family-court-practices>

The overall purpose of the Practice is to clarify procedural omissions in the controlling statute, G. L. c. 210, § 12 *et seq.* Prior drafts of the Practice were circulated for comment. Thank you to those of you who shared your input.

The current forms for change of name actions in the Probate and Family Court are scheduled to be replaced with substantially revised, reformatted, and renumbered versions, **effective 7/20/2018**. See list below.

Number	Form/Document Name	New or Revised	Release Date	Effective Date	Location
CJP 25	Petition to Change Name of Minor	New (Replaces current form CJP 27 Petition for Change of Name)	7/20/18	7/20/18	www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms
CJP 27	Petition to Change Name of Adult	Revised (Replaces current form CJP 27 Petition for Change of Name)	7/20/18	7/20/18	www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms
CJP 30	Assent to Petition to Change Name of Minor	New	7/20/18	7/20/18	www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms
CJP 34	Court Activity Record Information (CARI) and Warrant Management System (WMS) Release Request Form	New	7/20/18	7/20/18	www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms
CJP 31	Motion for Service by Alternate Means and Affidavit of Diligent Search	New	7/20/18	7/20/18	www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms
CJP 28	Citation on Petition to Change Name	Revised (Replaces current form CJP 28 Notice of Change of Name)	7/20/18	7/20/18	MassCourts (for internal use only)
CJP 32	Decree on Petition to Change Name of Minor	New	7/20/18	7/20/18	MassCourts (for internal use only)
CJP 33	Decree on Petition to Change Name of Adult	New	7/20/18	7/20/18	MassCourts (for internal use only)
CJP 26	Certificate of Change of Name	Revised	7/20/18	7/20/18	MassCourts (for internal use only)
CJP 900	Checklist for Change of Name – Adult	New	7/20/18	7/20/18	www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms
CJP 901	Checklist for Change of Name – Minor	New	7/20/18	7/20/18	www.mass.gov/guides/probate-and-family-court-forms

The **7/20/2018** forms will be required for use beginning **7/20/2018**, in time for the effective date of Practice XXXV, **8/1/2018**. Previous versions of the forms will no longer be accepted for filing after 7/20/2018. Any change of name action that is allowed **on or after 8/1/2018** must be allowed in accordance with Practice XXXV.