

L.N. 311 of 2012

EUROPEAN UNION ACT
(CAP. 460)
Civil Code (Amendment) Order, 2012

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by article 4(2) of the European Union Act, the Prime Minister has made the following Order:-

Citation and
commencement.
Cap. 16.

1. (1) The title of this order is the Civil Code (Amendment) Order, 2012 and this Order shall be read and construed as one with the Civil Code, hereinafter referred to as “the Code”.

(2) This order shall come into force on such date as the Prime Minister may, by notice in the Gazette appoint, and different dates may be so appointed for different purposes and for different provisions of this order.

Amends article
251 of the Code.

2. Immediately after article 251(3) of the Code there shall be added the following new subarticle:

"(4) The Director of the Public Registry shall give to any person applying for the same, a certificate, the contents of which shall be prescribed, reflecting all the acts of civil status entered in the Public Registry against any individual registered therein."

Amends article
278A of the
Code.

3. Article 278A of the Code shall be amended as follows:

(a) article 278A shall be numbered as article 278A(1);
and

(b) immediately after subarticle (1) as numbered there shall be added the following new subarticles:

"(2) It shall be lawful for any person to request the Director of the Public Registry, by means of a signed declaration submitted in Form V contained in Part II of the First Schedule to this Code, to make an annotation in his act of birth in order to:

(a) correct any minor spelling variations to his name;

(b) choose a "to be called name" from among those given to him at birth:

Provided that the use of the "to be called name" results from another act of civil status of such person or from a Maltese identity card or passport.

(3) The declaration made in Form V contained in Part II of the First Schedule to this Code shall be irrevocable and shall be accepted by the Director of the Public Registry upon the payment of a fee as prescribed by the Minister responsible for the Public Registry.

(4) If the Director of the Public Registry allows the request, the annotation referred to above, shall be effective as from the day when he shall enter such modification in the act of birth and the "extract" mentioned in article 251 shall indicate the particulars resulting from such annotations.

(5) A person, in respect of whom changes in particulars relating to his change in names have been annotated in accordance with the preceding provisions, shall report the fact to the authorised officer under the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act who shall issue a new identity card that indicates the particulars in accordance with the annotation written in the relative act. The expenses for the issue of the new identity card shall be borne by the person who changed his particulars."

4. In Part I of the First Schedule to the Code, immediately after paragraph 8 there shall be added the following new paragraph:

Amends Part I of the First Schedule to the Code.

"9. For every certificate reproducing all acts of civil status against any individual 12."

5. Immediately after Form U in Part II of the First Schedule to the Code there shall be inserted the following new form:

Addition of new form to Part II of the First Schedule to the Code.

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**"Form V
(Article 278A)**

**DECLARATION BY A PERSON REQUESTING MINOR
ALTERATION ON THE NAME IN THE ACT OF BIRTH**

Particulars in the Act of Birth:

Act Number	Name/s of the Child	Name/s by which the Child is to be called	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
			Day Month Year	

Request for particulars to be amended to:

Name

Declarator's Signature _____ Submitted on _____ "

