

4 September 2023

To whom it may concern,

P318/23: Petition of the Scottish Minister for Judicial Review of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (Prohibition on Submission for Royal Assent) Order 2023 (the 'Petition')

I am writing on behalf of Stonewall Equality Limited (Stonewall), which has been granted permission to intervene in the Petition. alongside Gendered Intelligence and the Institute for Constitutional and Democratic Research.

Tables of evidence

In order to assist the Court in this matter, Stonewall has prepared two tables of evidence which support the intervenor's submissions on Issue 1 (International Comparators) proposed in the Application for Leave to Intervene filed on 24 July 2023 (the Application):

- Table 1 is a high-level summary, comparing the provisions of the GRR Bill provisions to (a significant sample of) other jurisdictions that have implemented similar regimes for legal gender recognition.
- Table 2 is a more comprehensive version of Table 1, and contains detailed information on the specific laws in other jurisdictions to enable a more fulsome comparison of the GRR Bill to international practice.

These tables have been prepared using publicly available sources. They have been prepared by Stonewall (with the assistance of its solicitors who are acting pro bono in relation to the intervention) but without specific legal advice from lawyers in each jurisdiction represented in the tables.

Case studies

Stonewall, with the assistance of its solicitors, has also prepared four case studies detailing the experiences of trans people in the UK (including one specifically from an individual living in Scotland) who have sought a Gender Recognition Certificate. These case studies are in support of the proposition

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set out at paragraph 25(f) of the Application, being that the Scottish Government's proposed reforms to the Gender Recognition Act are likely to result in a number of positive impacts for trans people.



Index of materials appended to this letter

The materials are appended to this letter in the following order to best assist the Court:

- 1. Table 1 (page 3)
- 2. Case studies (page 4)
- 3. Table 2 (page 14)

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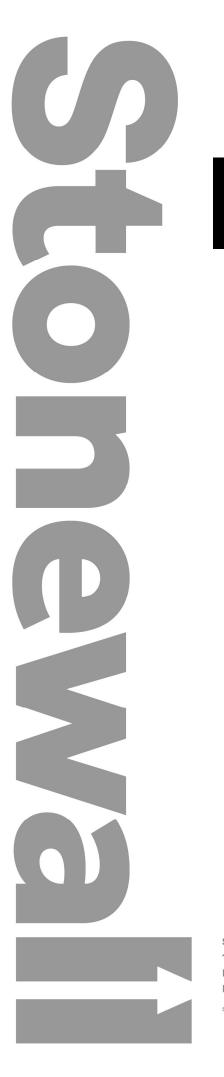
Table 1 (Summary): Comparison of the GRR Scotland Bill with jurisdictions with comparable laws on legal gender recognition

Jurisdiction	Self- declaration	Medical requirements for adults	Required time lived in acquired gender	Reflection period	Min. age for self- declaration	Min. age for self- declaration (additional requirements) ¹	Specific offence for fraudulent application ²	
Scotland (Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill)	Yes	No	3mo for applicants aged 18+; 6mo for applicants aged 16/17	3 months	18	16	Yes	
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Belgium	Yes	No	No	3 months	18	16	No	
Denmark	Yes	No	No	6 months	18	18	No	
Iceland	Yes	No	No	No	15	No min. age	No	
Ireland	Yes	No	No	No	18	16	Yes	
Luxembourg	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
Malta	Yes	No	No	No	16	No min. age	Yes	
Norway	Yes	No	No	No	16	No min. age	No	
Portugal	Yes	No	No	No	18	16	No	
Spain	Yes	No	No	Under 3 months	16	12	No	
Switzerland	Yes	No	No	No	16	No min. age	No	
Asia-Pacific								
Queensland, Aust.	Yes	No	No	No	16	12	No	
Tasmania, Aust.	Yes	No	No	No	16	No min. age	No	
Victoria, Aust.	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
New Zealand	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
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California	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
Nevada	Yes	No	No	No	No min. age	No min. age	No	
New Jersey	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
New York State	Yes	No	No	No	17	No min. age	No	
New York City	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
Oregon	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
Washington State	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
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Alberta	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
British Columbia	Yes	No	No	No	19	No min. age	No	
Newfoundland and Labrador	Yes	No	No	No	16	No min. age	No	
Northwest Territories	Yes	No ³	No	No	19	No min. age	No	
Nova Scotia	Yes	No	No	No	16	No min. age	No	
Quebec	Yes	No	No	No	18	No min. age	No	
Yukon	Yes	No	No	No	16	No min. age	No	
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Argentina	Yes	No	No South Ai	No	18	No min. age	No	
Colombia Colombia		No	No	No	18	18	No	
	Yes	 	+					
Uruguay	Yes	No	No	No	18	No minimum age	No	

The most common additional requirements for minors of specified ages are: consent from a parent, legal guardian or legal representative; the application to be made on behalf of the minor by a parent, legal guardian or legal representative; submission of a report by a medical practitioner; submission of a supporting statement by a medical practitioner, psychologist or social worker; and/or submission of a court order. Some jurisdictions have multiple additional requirements for minors of different ages, such as parental consent for minors below 16 and a medical report for minors below 12. For further information on the precise requirements of each jurisdiction refer to Table 3.

This table only records penalties for fraudulent applications where there is a specific penalty for making a fraudulent or false application in relation to amending the gender marker on a birth certificate. The table does not contain a complete record of general applicable penalties under the law of the relevant jurisdiction, e.g. relating to perjury, making false statements or representations in documents, applications or to public officials, or making false applications to correct information on official documents.

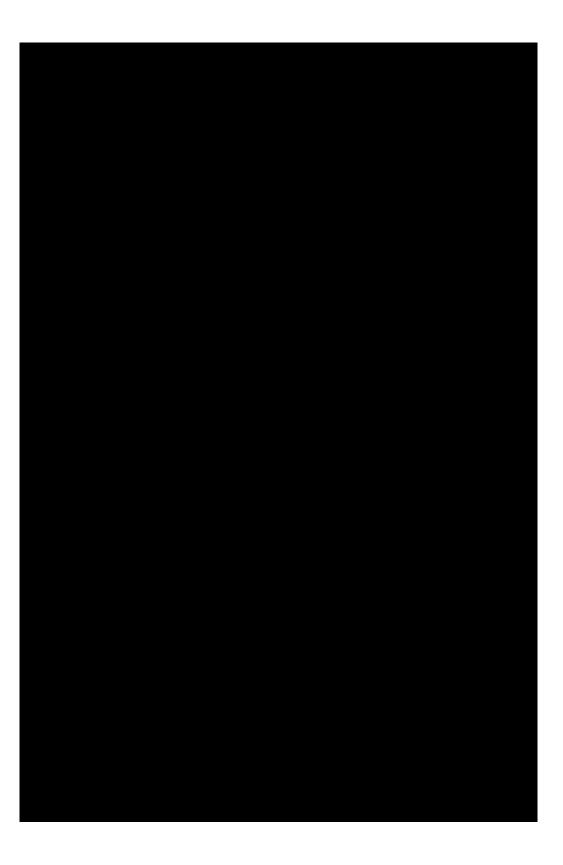
Repeat applications by adults require a supporting statement by a designated medical professional.



Case Studies

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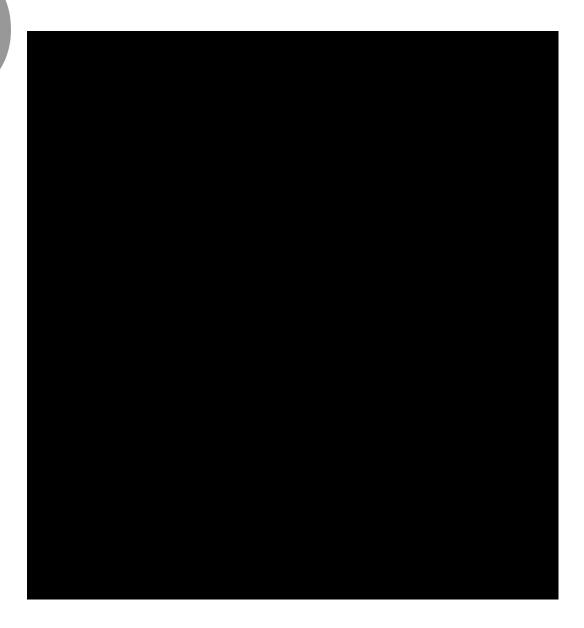
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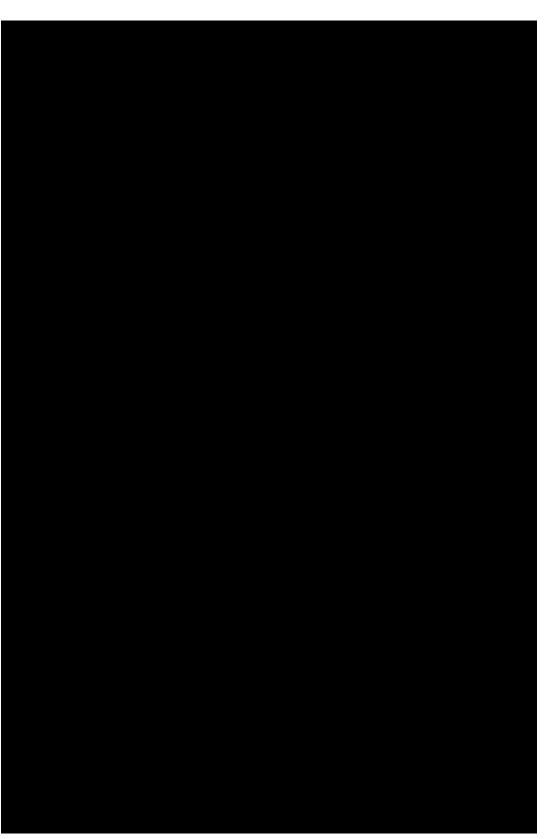


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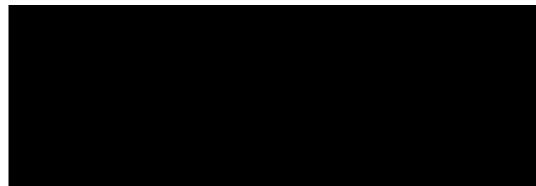


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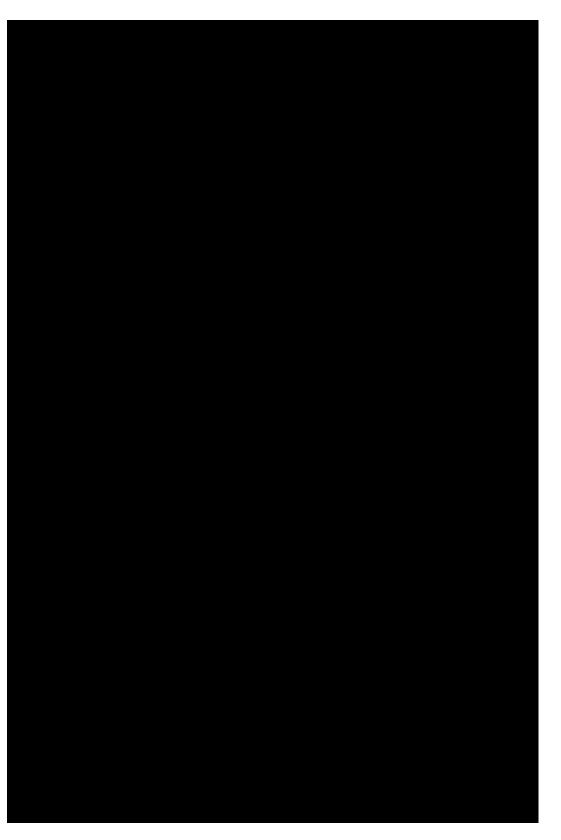


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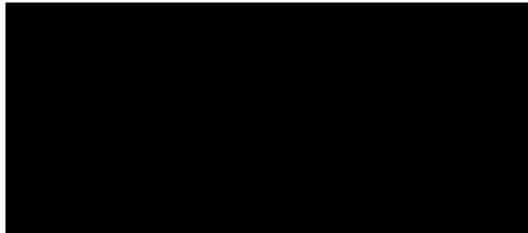


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Table 2 (Detailed): comparison of the GRR Scotland Bill with jurisdictions with comparable laws on legal gender recognition

#	Jurisdiction	Medical diagnosis / documentation for adults	Self-declaration	Reflection period	Determining body	Minimum age for self declaration and additional requirements for minors	Criteria	Offence for making fraudulent application ⁴			
	Europe										
1.	Scotland (Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill).i	No medical diagnosis or documentation would be required.	Applicants would make a statutory declaration that they have lived in the acquired gender for at least three months before applying and that they intend to live permanently in their acquired gender. ⁱⁱⁱ	Three months.iv	Registrar General for Scotland. ^v	18.vi Applicants aged 16 or 17vii must have lived in the acquired gender for 6 monthsviii and confirm that they have discussed the implicants of obtaining a gender recognition certificate with either an individual who has a role which involves giving guidance advice or support to young people, or is aged at least 18 and knows the applicant personally.ix	Applicants must have a Scottish birth register entry or be ordinarily resident in Scotland.*	Offence of making a false statutory declaration or making a false application with penalties of up to two years imprisonment and an unlimited fine.xi			
2.	Belgium (Law of 25 June 2017 / Legal Gender Recognition Act 2018). ^{xii}	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 18 or over.xiii	Applicant submits a signed declaration that for some time now they are convinced that the sex mentioned in their birth certificate does not correspond to their gender identity lived intimately and that they wish the administrative and legal consequences of a change in the registration of the sex in their birth certificate.xiv	Three to six months The applicant is required to submit a second signed declaration of the same kind.xv	A public prosecutor in the court of first instance.xvi	18.xvii Applicants may be aged 16 or 17 provided applicants submit a certificate of a child psychiatrist and have obtained parental consent.xviii	No additional requirements for applicants who are Belgian or foreign nationals.xix	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.			
3.	Denmark (Act on the Central Register of Persons, 2014). ^{xx}	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.xxi	Applicants must submit a written declaration that the desire for the new personal identity is based on a sense of belonging to the other sex.xxii	Six months. ^{xxiii}	Economy and Ministry of Interior.xxiv	18.xxv	Applicants must have a Danish civil registration number.xxvi	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.			
4.	Iceland (Act on Gender Autonomy 2019).xxvii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. xxviii	Applicants must submit a written submission accounting for the reasons for the request to change registered gender. xxix	No prescribed reflection period.	Registers Iceland.xxx	15.xxxi Applicants under 15 must obtain the consent of a guardian or apply to an expert committee.xxxii	Applicants must be Icelandic citizens or individuals	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.			

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							legally domiciled in Iceland.	
5.	Ireland (Gender Recognition Act 2015).xxxiii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 18 or over.xxxiv	Applicants are required to make a statutory declaration that they have a settled and solemn intention of living in the preferred gender for the rest of their life.xxxv The Minister for Social Protection considers information included by the applicant and may also request further information to make their decision.xxxvi	No prescribed reflection period.	Minister for Social Protection. xxxvii	18.xxxviii Applicants may be aged 16 or 17 where the parents apply on the applicant's behalf and a court exemption order is obtained, which requires a form from a medical practitioner.xxxix	Applicants must have an Irish birth register entry or adoption certificate or be ordinarily resident in Ireland.x1	Offence of knowingly or recklessly making an application which is false or materially misleading with penalties of up to two-years imprisonment and / or a fine.xli
6.	Luxembourg (Law of 10 August 2018 relating to the modification of the indication of sex and first name(s) in the civil status and amending the Civil Code). xlii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.xliii	Applicants must submit an application stating that they have given their free and informed consent and demonstrate by producing sufficient evidence that the gender status currently recorded in the civil register does not reflect their gender identity.xliv	No prescribed reflection period.	Minister for Justice.xlv	18.xlvi Applicants under 18 must obtain parental consent or their legal representative must submit the application.xlvii Applications for minors under 5 must be made to the District Court.	Applicants must be Luxembourg nationals, foreign nationals ordinarily resident in Luxembourg or those with refugee status.xlviii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
7.	Malta (Gender Identity, Gender Expression And Sex Characteristics Act 2015).xlix	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.	Applicants must make a clear, unequivocal and informed declaration that their gender identity does not correspond to their assigned sex in the act of birth. ^{li}	No prescribed reflection period.	Director of Public Registrylii or the Civil Court (Voluntary Jurisdiction Section) for minors.liii	16. liv Applicants under the age of 16 require a court order and the application must be made by a person exercising parental authority. lv	Applicants must be citizens of Malta ^{lvi} or persons with refugee status. ^{lvii}	Offence of knowingly violating the provisions of the Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act 2015 with a penalty of a fine. Iviii
8.	Norway (Legal Gender Amendment Act 2016). ^{lix}	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 6 or over. ^{lx}	Applicants must make a self-declaration that they regard themselves as belonging to the opposite gender than that registered in the National Registry. lxi	No prescribed reflection period.	Tax Office (National Registry Authority) ^{lxii} or the County Governor of Oslo for applicants	16. lxiv There is no minimum age for minors but applications for minors aged between 6 and 16 must be made by a person who has custody of the applicant. lxv Minors under 6 may only amend their legal gender if they have a congenital somatic sex	Applicants must be resident in Norway. ^{lxvii}	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.

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					between 6 and 16. lxiii	development uncertainty documented by a health professional. lxvi		
9.	Portugal (Law on the right to self-determination of gender identity and gender expression and to protection of each person's sex characteristics, 2018). lxviii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 18 or over. lxix	Applicants must submit an application with the new name by which they wish to be identified. lxx	No prescribed reflection period.lxxi	Registrar of a civil registry office. lxxii	18. lxxiii Applications for minors aged 16 and 17 must be made via a legal representative and accompanied by an attestation by a doctor or psychologist that the applicant consents (without reference to diagnoses of gender identity). lxxiv	Applicants must be of Portuguese nationality. lxxv	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
10.	Spain (Law for the real and effective equality of trans people and for the guarantee of the rights of LGTBI people 2023). lxxvi	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. lxxvii	Applicants must appear at the Civil Registry Office and express dissatisfaction with the sex stated on their birth registration. lxxviii	Under three months. Applicants must ratify their request no later than three months after the initial application.	Civil Registry Office. lxxx	16. lxxxi Minors aged 14 and 15 may submit an application themselves if assisted by legal representatives. lxxxii Minors aged 12 and 13 may request judicial authorisation. lxxxiii	Applicants must be of Spanish nationality or residents who prove that following the procedure in their country of origin would be impossible. lxxxvi	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
11.	Switzerland (Law modifying the Civil Code and Ordinance on Civil Status 2021). lxxxvii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. lxxxviii	Applicants declare orally or in writing, that they wish for the registration of their sex to be changed. lxxxix	No prescribed reflection period.	Civil registrar.xc	16. Applications by minors under 16 must have the consent of a legal representative. xci	Applicants must be Swiss nationals.xcii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
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12.	Queensland, Australia (Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2023).xciii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.	Applications must include a statement, verified by statutory declaration, that the applicant identifies as the sex stated in the application and lives, or seeks to live, as a person identified by that sex. xciv	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. ^{xevi}	16.xcvii Parents of minors under the age of 16 may apply to alter the record of sex of the child.xcviii Alternatively, a minor between the ages of 12 and 15 years oldxcix may apply to alter the record of	Applicants must have had their place of birth registered in Queensland ^{ci} or have been ordinarily resident	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application but there are penalties for giving false or misleading

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			Applications must also be accompanied by a supporting statement from someone who is at least 18 years old and who has known the applicant for 12 months or longer.xev			sex if the minor has obtained a court order.°	in Queensland for 12 consecutive months. ^{cii}	information under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2023.ciii
13.	Tasmania, Australia (Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage and Gender Amendments) Act 2019 and the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1999).eiv	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. ^{cv} Any application relating to a person under 18 should be accompanied by evidence that the applicant has receive appropriate counselling.	Applicants must submit a gender declaration. ^{cvi}	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.	16. evii For minors under 16 years old, parents must fill out their formeviii or the registration of gender must be approved by a magistrate. eix	Applicants must be: Tasmanian citizens born in Tasmania; born interstate but have lived in Tasmania for 12 months or more; or born overseas but have obtained an Australian citizenship or permanent residency and have lived in Tasmania for 12 months or more.cx	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application but it is a crime to knowingly make a false statement in a statutory declaration and to make a false or misleading representation in an application under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1999.
14.	Victoria, Australia (Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996). ^{exii}	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 18 or over.	Applicants must submit a statutory declaration that they believe their sex to be nominated as in the application. Applications must be approved by a supporting statement with made by a person who is aged 18 or older and who has known the applicant for at least 12 months. CXY	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.	18. cxvi Both parents named on the child's birth certificate must apply on behalf of minors aged under 18, cxvii or the application must be accompanied by a court order. cxviii Applications by minors under 18 must have a supporting statement by a relevant person (i.e. doctor / health practitioner). cxx	Applicants must have their birth registered in Victoria or their principal place of residence must have been in Victoria been for at least 12 months. cxxi	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application but it is a crime to make a false or misleading representation in an application under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996. cxxii
15.	New Zealand (Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Act 2021). exxiii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. exxiv	Applicants must submit a statutory declaration exxv. exxvi Where the application is being made by the guardian of a minor, the statutory declaration must be made by the guardian of the eligible child, verifying that the	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar- General for Births, Deaths and Marriages. exxviii	18. cxxix Applicants aged 16 or 17 must submit an application accompanied by the written consent of their guardian or a letter of support from a suitably qualified third party. cxxx	Applicants must have their birth registered in New Zealand. ^{cxxxii}	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application but it is an offence to knowingly make a false statement

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			guardian believes that the eligible child identifies as a person of the nominated sex. exxvii			The parent or guardian of a minor aged 15 or under may also apply with the minor's consent. exxxi		under the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Act 2021. COMMIT
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16.	California (California Gender Recognition Act (SB 179)). exxxiv	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. exxxv	Applicants aged 18 or over may self-certify their chosen gender. exxxvi Applicants aged under 18 must file a petition for a court order accompanied by an affidavit from the applicant attesting under penalty of perjury that the request is to conform their legal gender to their gender identity and is not for any fraudulent purpose. exxxvii	No prescribed reflection period.	State Registrar and, for a court order, Superior Court in any county. exxxviii	18. Applicants under 18 require the consent of at least one parent or guardian ^{exxxix} and a court order. The other parent can also object, which may impact a court's decision to order the recognition of change of gender sought by a minor. ^{exl}	Applicants must be a Californian resident or seek a change to a California birth certificate. ^{cxli}	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
17.	Nevada (Nevada Administrative Code – Chapter 440, Vital Statistics). exlii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.	Applicants must include an Affidavit for Correction of a Record, which provides reasons for why the correction is necessary. Applicants must also submit a Supplemental Affidavit, completed by someone with personal knowledge of the applicant or a licensed healthcare professional. Affidavit	No prescribed reflection period.	Office of Vital Records and Statistics, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioural Health.exlv	No minimum age specified.	No further criteria.	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
18.	New Jersey (2019 New Jersey Revised Statutes, Title 26 – Health and Vital Statistics, as most recently updated in 2022). exlvi	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. ^{cxlvii}	Applicants must self-attest under penalty of perjury and include a form which affirms that the request for a change in gender is to conform their legal gender to their gender identity and is not for any fraudulent purpose. exhibiting	No prescribed reflection period.	State registrar. exlix	18. For minors under 18, a parent or guardian must make the application. ^{cl}	Applicant must be born in the State of New Jersey. ^{cli}	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
19.	New York State (Consolidated Laws of New York — Chapter	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. ^{cliii}	Application must be submitted to the Court and must include an attestation of the applicant's gender identity or reason for the change. cliv	No prescribed reflection period.	New York State Department of Health,	17. For minors under 17, a parent or guardian must make the application. clvii	Applicants must be a resident of New York State. clviii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.

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	6, Civil Rights). elii		The standard attestation form requires the applicant to swear and file a supporting affidavit stating that they believe that: the gender assigned at birth was incorrect; they have been living in the correct gender immediately preceding the application; and the application is not a result of, nor will it cause any, fraudulent activity in the future or any activities that would violate any federal, state or local laws. clv		Vital Records. ^{clvi}			
20.	New York City (Amendment to Article 207 of the New York City Health Code 2019). clix	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. ^{clx}	Applicants must include a notarised statement. clxi The standard form requires the applicant to acknowledge that they attest under the penalty of perjury that the change in gender is to reflect the applicant's true identity and is not for any fraudulent purpose. clxii	No prescribed reflection period.	New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.clxiii	18. For minors under 18, a parent or guardian must make the application. elxiv	In order for records to be changed, applicants might need to have been born in New York City.	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
21.	Oregon (House Bill 2673 / Oregon Administrative Rules). clxv	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required. clxvi	Application must include a form that is signed in the presence of a Notary Public affirming that the change is requested because the sex currently appearing on the applicant's birth certificate is different to their gender identity, and that making a false statement on the application is a Class C felony. clxvii	No prescribed reflection period.	Oregon Center for Health & Statistics. clxviii	18. For minors aged under 18, a legal representative, parent or guardian must make the application. clxix	Applicants must be born in Oregon. ^{clxx}	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application but applicants have to acknowledge that making a false statement on the application is a Class C felony. clxxi
22.	Washington State (Revised Code of Washington (RCW) & Washington Administrative Code (WAC)).clxxii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 18 or over. clxxiii	Application must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public under penalty of perjury and note the current sex designation and the desired sex designation. clxxiv	No prescribed reflection period.	Washington Department of Health / Washington State Registrar.clxxv	18. clxxvi For minors under 18, a parent or legal guardian must make the application clxviii and the application must include an attestation from a healthcare provider, who has a provider/patient relationship with the applicant, that the application is consistent with the minor's identity. clxxviii	Applicants must be born in the state of Washington.clxxix	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.

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	Canada										
23.	Alberta (Vital Statistics Act 2007, as amended by Alberta Regulation 108/2018).clxxx	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 12 or over.	Application must include an affidavit by the applicant confirming the requested amendment to the applicant's sex identified on the birth record. clxxxi	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar of Vital Statistics.clxxxii	18. Applications by minors under 18 must have parental consent unless the applicant is widowed, divorced, married to an adult interdependent partner, or a parent or guardian of a minor. clxxxiii Applications by minors under 12 must include a professional statement made by a registered and regulated physician, psychologist, registered nurse or social worker. clxxxiiv Applicants aged 12 and older must consent to the change. clxxxv	Applicant must be born in Alberta. clxxxvi	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.			
24.	British Columbia (Vital Statistics Amendment Act 2023). clxxxvii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 12 or over.	Applicants must set out the desired amendment to the birth certificate and include a self-declaration stating that the applicant has assumed, identifies with, and intends to maintain the gender identity that corresponds with the desired sex designation. clxxxviii	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar General of the Vital Statistics Agency.clxxxix	19. Applicants under 19 must have parents'/guardians' consent.cxc Applications by minors under 12 must include a physician's or psychologist's confirmation that the sex designation on the applicant's birth registration does not correspond with the applicant's identity.cxci	Applicants must have been born in British Columbia. excii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.			
25.	Newfoundland and Labrador (Vital Statistics Act 2009). exciii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 16 and over.	Applicants must submit a statutory declaration that the applicant has assumed, identifies with and intends to maintain the gender identity that corresponds with the requested sex designation. exciv	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar General of Vital Statistics. cxcv	16. Applicants under 16 must have parents' consent parents ^{exevi} and provide confirmation by a medical practitioner, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, psychologist or social worker. exevii For minors under 12, a statement by one additional medical professional is required. exeviii	Applicants must be born in Newfoundland and Labrador, excix or have resided in the province for at least three months. cc	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.			
26.	Northwest Territories (Vital Statistics Act 2011). ^{cci}	No medical diagnosis is required for applicants aged over 19 unless the applicant has already amended the sex	Application must include a statutory declaration by the applicant that the applicant: identifies with, is currently living in a manner that is consistent with, and intends to continue living in a manner that is consistent with the gender	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar General of Vital Statistics.	19 ^{ccv} or 16 if the applicant is living independently. There is no minimum age for minors but applicants under 19, and who are not over 16 and living independently, must have the written consent of all those with lawful custody of the	The applicant must be born in the Northwest Territories. ceviii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.			

#	Jurisdiction	Medical diagnosis / documentation for adults	Self-declaration	Reflection period	Determining body	Minimum age for self declaration and additional requirements for minors	Criteria	Offence for making fraudulent application ⁴
		designation on their birth registration, in which case the application must be accompanied by a statement from a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, social worker or psychologist. ecii	identity that corresponds with the requested sex designation; and that the applicant understands the seriousness of the application to amend the designation of sex. Applications by those who are 19 or over and those who are 16 and living independently must also be accompanied by a statutory declaration by an adult who has known the applicant for at least one year. CCIV			applicant and any parent who is lawfully entitled to access the applicant, and must provide a supporting statement from a designated medical professional. ccvii		
27.	Nova Scotia (Vital Statistics Act 1989). ccix	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 16 and over.	Applicants must include a statutory declaration that the applicant's gender identity corresponds with the sex indicator requested. ^{ccx}	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar General of Vital Statistics. ^{ccxi}	16. ccxii Applicants under 16 must have the written consent of every person who has care and custody of them. ccxiii Applications for applicants under 16 must include a written statement from a professional physician or psychologist ccxiv that in their opinion the applicant's sex indicator does not match their gender identity and that they have the capacity to make an informed decision. ccxv	Applicant must be born in Nova Scotia to amend their sex indicator, cexvi but those resident in the province for at least three months may change their gender identity. cexvii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
28.	Quebec (Civil Code of Quebec).ccxviii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 18 or over.	Applicants over 14 years of age must submit an application and a signed declaration that: the sex designation requested is the designation that best corresponds to the applicant's gender identity; the applicant assumes the gender identity and intends to continue to do so; and the applicant understands the seriousness of their undertaking. CEXIX Applicants over 18 must also submit an affidavit from a person who has known the applicant for at least one year.	No prescribed reflection period.	Applications must be made to the Registrar of Civil Status.cexxi	18. Applicants under 18 must provide a letter from a physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, sexologist or social worker stating that, having evaluated or followed the minor, they are of the opinion that changing the applicant's designation is appropriate. Applicants under 14 must have parental consent. Applicants aged 14 and older must consent to the change.	The applicant must be domiciled in Quebec for at least one year cexx Or, if the applicant was born in Quebec but resides elsewhere, the applicant must demonstrate that amendment to their gender marker is not possible in the	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.

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							province of residence. ccxxvi	
29.	Yukon (Vital Statistics Act 2022) ^{ccxxvii}	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required for applicants aged 16 and over.	Application must be accompanied by a self-declaration stating that the applicant would like the notation of change of sex. cexxviii	No prescribed reflection period.	Registrar of Vital Statistics. cexxix	16. ccxxx Applicants under 16 must have the written consent of all persons having custody over the applicant and a statement from a medical practitioner, psychologist, nurse, social worker, lawyer, chief or counsellor of a Yukon First Nation, teacher, or school counsellor. The statement must say that the professional has met the applicant and believes the young person would like the notation of change. ccxxxii	Applicant must be born in Yukon. ccxxxiii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
				South .	America			
30.	Argentina (Gender Identity Law 26,743 2012).	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.	Applications must include a request stating that the applicant falls under the protection of the current law and requests an amendment to their birth certificate.	No prescribed reflection period.	National Registry of Persons or its correspondin g sectional offices. cexxxv	18. ccxxxvi Applications for applicants under the age of 18 must be made by their legal representative. If the consent of the applicant's legal representatives, cannot be obtained, the relevant court can make a determination. ccxxxvii	Not specified. ccxxxviii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
31.	Colombia (Decree 1227/2015).	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.	Applications must include a sworn declaration by the applicant. ccxxxix	No prescribed reflection period.	Notary.cexl	18. ccxli	Applicants must be a Colombian citizen. ccxliii	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.
32.	Uruguay (Ley Integral Para Personas Trans 2018). ccxliii	No medical diagnosis or documentation is required.ccxliv	Applications must include a sworn declaration by the applicant that they wish to change the sex marker on their birth certificate. cextv All applicants must also have an interview with the Commission. cextvi	No prescribed reflection period.	General Directorate of the Civil Status Registry. ccxlvii	Applicants under 18 must have parental consent. Where it is impossible to obtain parental consent, the applicant may resort to Article 100 of the Civil Code and 4040 of the General Code of Procedure which takes into account the best interests of the applicant. ccxlviii	Applicant must be Uruguayan citizen. Applicants from another country must have birth certificate registered with the Foreigners Registry and must be domiciled in Uruguay. cexlix	No specific offence for making a fraudulent or false application.

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To whom it may concern,

P318/23: Petition of the Scottish Minister for Judicial Review of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (Prohibition on Submission for Royal Assent) Order 2023 (the 'Petition')

I am writing on behalf of Gendered Intelligence, which has been granted permission to intervene in the Petition, alongside Stonewall Equality Limited and the Institute for Constitutional and Democratic Research.

In support of the intervention, Gendered Intelligence has prepared (with the assistance of its solicitors who are acting pro bono in relation to the intervention) a number of case studies detailing the experiences of trans people in the UK who have sought a Gender Recognition Certificate. These case studies are in support of the proposition set out at paragraph 25(f) of the Application for Leave to Intervene filed on 24 July 2023, being that the Scottish Government's proposed reforms to the Gender Recognition Act are likely to result in a number of positive impacts for trans people.

Yours sincerely,

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