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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 27 Mar 2025 15:23:20
To: [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Legal Name Change - Effect on PR Card - REP-2025-0478 - Due 12-Mar-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance.. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question:

Question received:

1. The [redacted] their [redacted] passport [redacted] not [redacted] to [redacted] the [redacted] and currently has the old name. The client's PR Card also has the old name. The client intends to travel to Canada based on the old passport and old PR card , so that they can apply for a new PR Card after landing in Canada to reflect the new name. As per IRCC's guidelines, where an application for a new PR Card is being made from within Canada - because of a legal name change made outside Canada - IRCC would need a foreign passport or **national authoritative document** indicating the new name, and an official document linking the old and new names. Under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* or the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations*, there is no definition of what a national authoritative document is.

With this background, the questions for you are:

[redacted] **"national** [redacted]**t"**

[redacted] **an** [redacted] **the Government** [redacted] **to** [redacted] **national authoritative document?** [Here's a link to the official website of Aadhar cards issued by Government of India - www.uidai.gov.in/en/]

Approved response:

An authoritative state/province (or equivalent)-issued photo identification document issued by the country in which the client resides that displays the new name, includes:

- a foreign passport or other travel documents, if the client is a dual citizen (with official translation);
- a state/province (or equivalent) ID card (with official translation).

Based on the information provided, the Aadhaar card being issued by the "Unique Identification Authority of India" can be considered as a national authoritative document containing a client's name, date of birth, Sex/Gender identifier, and address. However, please note that this document is not considered a primary evidence of identity (EOI) document as it does not contain

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all core identity attributes as defined by IRCC (Full name, date of birth, place of birth). The Aadhaar card would in this case be considered a **secondary** EOI document, and as such, is insufficient on its own to establish the client's identity with IRCC.
At this time, the client should be advised to update their passport to reflect their new legal name. This coupled with the Aadhaar card and the document linking the previous legal name to the new legal name (i.e. legal name change certificate) would be sufficient documentation to complete a legal name change request with IRCC.

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[redacted] can the client update the name change of every family member in their immigration records?

[redacted] the [redacted] and [redacted] to Canada [redacted] passport [with [redacted] carrying along the old passport [with a valid visa and the old name]?

Approved response:

\sb280If the client is in possession of a valid TRV which is affixed in an expired/cancelled travel document, they must also be in possession of a newer and valid travel document, as well as the legal document proving the name change and must present both travel documents to the airline carrier in order to travel to Canada and to the border services officer (BSO) in order to seek entry into [redacted] note that [redacted] Services Officer, following [redacted] and with the information [redacted] to [redacted] can determine whether a foreign national can enter Canada.

To prevent undue delays at the POEs, the preferred course of action is for the foreign national to apply for a replacement by submitting a new application with all requirements.

This information is publicly available here https://www.ircc.canada.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1650

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 11, 2025 8:40 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to request your consideration in clarifying the following situation:

[redacted] permanent [redacted] are [redacted]

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[redacted] your clarification.

Best regards,