

Recommendation by the  
HRK Executive Board  
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to the HRK Senate  
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**Reissue of certificates  
for court-approved change  
of first name**

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When an application is made for the reissue of a higher education certificate after a judicial change of first name in accordance with Sections 1, 8 of the Transsexuals Act (Transsexuellengesetz), the HRK Executive Board recommends the following procedure to higher education institutions:

**1. If a court order is presented for change of first name, the higher education certificate is reissued with the date of the first deed.**

**2. The original certificate is to be revoked.**

**Rationale:**

If the person concerned has obtained a legally enforceable ruling for the change of the first name from the local court, the right of non-disclosure exists in relation to the past in the other gender role under Section 5 of the Transsexuals Act. A newly issued certificate with the current date or the date of legal effect would lead to a duty to disclose.