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## Gender Recognition for U.K Expatriates

### Application for a Gender Recognition Certificate (Standard Track Application) using the Case by Case Basis

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**Y**ou are eligible to apply for Gender Recognition if you are at least eighteen years of age; and have lived in your acquired gender or have been recognised under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom as having changed gender. Before applying for Gender Recognition, you may wish to consider some of the consequences and concerns raised in this article.

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The Gender Recognition Panel is aware that some applicants living overseas face difficulties with the evidence needed to satisfy the *Gender Recognition Act U.K. 2004*, especially the requirement to submit medical report(s) by a General Medical Council (G.M.C.) registered Practitioner.

To alleviate this difficulty, the Gender Recognition Panel is prepared to consider, on a case by case basis, reports by a G.M.C. registered practitioner practising in the field of gender dysphoria who has read the medical report(s) by non-G.M.C. medical practitioners and is able to confirm the information and opinion contained in the report(s). This does not effect the statutory requirements for reports from two registered medical practitioners in support of applications.

Guidance for married people or those in a Civil Partnership: Section 4(3) *Gender Recognition Act, U.K. 2004* requires the panel on considering an application for a Gender Recognition Certificate to issue an interim and not a full G.R.C. where the applicant is married or a civil partner. The reason for this provision is that if the marriage is not terminated or the civil partnership ended the issue of a full G.R.C. would have the effect of creating a same-sex marriage or opposite-sex civil partnership which are not allowed under U.K. law.

It is recognised that some couples do not want to end their existing relationship on the grant of a full G.R.C.. They would need to end their existing marriage or civil partnership on the issue of the interim certificate and then enter into a new civil partnership or marriage, as appropriate, on the granting of the full G.R.C. This is for applicants for a Gender Recognition Certificate (G.R.C.) and Birth Certificate (B.C.) residing outside of the U.K.. All usual requirements included in the application are the same with the exception of the following.

#### To achieve a Case by Case Basis Application you need to:

- Find a General Medical Council (G.M.C.) registered G.P. practising in the country that you now reside in. Don't forget to note the doctor's G.M.C. registration number. The G.P. has to confirm that you have or have not had S.R.S. If you have, what were the procedures used? If not, then why not. Possible acceptable reasons are health considerations, financial problems or choice. You must have lived in your preferred gender for a minimum of two years and must undertake to continue to do so for the rest of your life.
- Collect all paper work from your psychiatrist concerning your Gender Dysphoria (G.D.) and from your surgeon concerning your S.R.S.. You also need to include a copy of your General Practitioner's report.
- Send all of these as copies to Dr. James Barrett for him to collate the details into a report for the Gender Recognition Panel (G.R.P.) in Leicester U.K. Ask for his report to be sent to you. His charge is £60 Sterling.
- When you have Dr. Barrett's report you send it and the G.P.'s report with Standard Application (obtainable

from the G.R.P.) to G.R.P. with their fee if applicable.

- All details are on the [G.R.P. website](#) .
- The address for Dr. James Barrett is: Gender Identity Clinic, Claybrook Centre, 37 Claybrook Road, London, W6 8LN, Great Britain

## Further Information

[Wikipedia: Gender Recognition Certificate](#) 

[Gov.uk: Applying for a Gender Recognition Certificate](#) 

[G.I.R.E.S.: Obtaining your Gender Recognition Certificate](#) 

[Press For Change: Guidance on how to Apply for a Gender Recognition Certificate](#) 

[Justice.gov.uk: Gender Recognition Panel Tribunal guidance](#) 

[Justice.gov.uk: Gender Recognition Certificate Statistics](#) 

## Kathy Noble

Kathy Noble is the founder of and Agender Australia, and [Changeling Aspects](#) , a support group for transgender people located in Brisbane.

With the help of the Gold Coast Hospital Board, Kathy founded the group in 2002 as a support group for people undergoing reassignment surgery. This service ceased in 2004 when the surgeon and hospital ceased performing this surgery.

With the introduction of Agender to Australia in June 2002, Kathy began providing educational support for health care workers, institutions of higher learning and government bodies, lecturing and lobbying government departments, and generally fighting for the rights and dignity of transgender people.

Kathy sadly passed away in August 2015. She was 80.



**Two Lives: A Transsexual's story and the fight for recognition**

Author: Kathy Noble

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**From Amazon Books:**  *Two Lives: A Transsexual's story and the fight for recognition* is a heart-wrenching read. The author shares her painful, yet sometimes happy journey through a tormented life that many could not imagine. From early childhood and being born a boy called Frank, Kathy felt something was not right with her gender. As she matured her body shape and physical appearance leant towards female, but it was the turmoil inside her mind that caused her the greatest anxiety. As a man she married and had a family and tried in vain to be "normal" as society would say, while in private she dressed in her wife's clothes. There would be another marriage and it was in this one that she came out and declared she would be changing her life to the female she always knew she had to be. With sex reassignment surgery Kathy emerged to bravely fight the long, difficult battle for recognition. Kathy's honesty and strength gives the reader a truly informative and insightful look into the subject of transsexuals and their struggle through Government and political departments and laws pertaining to their rights. There is a huge amount of research and documented data contained in this amazing story that will give knowledge and hopefully a better understanding of the transgender community.

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