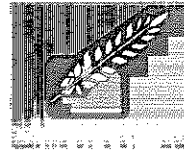




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**OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 04-05**

To: All Local Civil Registrars

From: 
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Civil Registrar General

Subject: Names of Converts to Islam

We would like to clarify two issues raised: (a) which of the two names of a Muslim convert is considered as the legal name; and (b) whether the adopted Muslim name can be subjected to correction under Republic Act 9048.

In practice, a person who is converted to a Muslim adopts a Muslim name. Thus, the person practically carries two names, that is, the one written in his/her Certificate of Live Birth and the Muslim name he/she adopted as a result of his conversion. Both names are written in the Certificate of Conversion to Islam (OCRG Form 104).

As provided in Administrative Order No. 2, the legal name of the convert is that which is written in his/her Certificate of Live Birth, with consideration to the annotations/corrections done pursuant to court orders or administrative procedures like Republic Act 9048 or Republic Act 9255. This is the same name written in the upper portion of OCRG Form 104. The Muslim name entered in the lower portion of the same form is not to be considered as the legal name of the convert and, hence, cannot be corrected nor changed by way of Republic Act 9048. The said law only covers corrections of typographical errors of entries or changes in the first names recorded in the civil register.

For your guidance and appropriate action.

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