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Birth Certificate reform arrives today bringing greater equality for trans and gender diverse Victorians!

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Today marks the day Victorian laws, passed in Parliament last August, come into effect to ensure greater equity for trans and gender diverse Victorians regarding the issuing of birth certificates.

We thank the many advocates across our communities that have worked incredibly hard to achieve greater equality we thank all the trans and gender diverse people, family members and allies who helped achieve this, both last year and over the longer term.

Transgender Victoria's Executive Director Margot Fink stated

"We're excited to see Victoria take an important step forward toward equality for trans and gender diverse Victorians. In particular this represents huge relief for non-binary and gender diverse people, as well as trans youth.

The previous restrictions often meant members of our community were placed at risk of outed or being endangered by documents that did not reflect their true gender, and this reform improves the safety, autonomy, and equality of trans and gender diverse people in Victoria.

It's fantastic to see the daily lives of trans and gender diverse Victorians and our loved ones meaningfully improved by this reform."

Long time advocate Sally Goldner stated

"I'm still racing to get on line to ensure that practically I have a primary document that reflects the truth re my gender identity and will prevent outing and anxiety."

Due to the impact of COVID-19 and the necessary distancing measures, we have been advised we may see temporary delays in processing time of update of name and sex descriptor applications.

Applications can however still be made from May 1 as originally intended. This applies to a range of other services at Birth's Deaths and Marriages and is not unique to these applications or this reform. Despite this, we remain very pleased by the positive impact this will have for trans and gender diverse people in Victoria.

Thanks to the generous support of VicBears, Transgender Victoria is has created a fund for trans and gender diverse people who require assistance in paying their application fees. To access financial assistance and learn more applicants can go to tgv.org.au/IDSupportFund.

On May 19, a Change your ID Day webinar will be held by LGBTI Legal Service and supported by Transgender Victoria to assist trans and gender diverse people in changing their documents and understanding the new processes. More details can be found here:

eventbrite.com.au/e/change-your-id-online-info-share-session-2020-by-lgbtqi-legal-service-tickets-103295948964