

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT FAMILY DIVISION REGISTRAR (CHANGE OF STATUS AND TITLE) (JERSEY) LAW 202- (P.56/2024) – CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs**

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CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

PART 1: SCREENING

Name and title of Duty Bearer:	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs
Type of Duty Bearer: (Minister, Elected Member or States Assembly Body)	Minister
Assessment completed by (if not completed by duty bearer):	Senior Policy Officer
Date:	09/08/2024

<p>1) Name and brief description of the proposed decision</p> <p>The subject of your CRIA may be a proposed law, policy or proposition and in accordance with the Law is referred to in this template as the ‘decision’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the problem or issue the decision is trying to address? • Do children experience this problem differently from adults?
<p>The draft Family Division Registrar (Change of Status and Title) (Jersey) Law 202-, would if adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amend the title and status of a Registrar in the Family Division of the Royal Court to become known as a Family Judge bringing that role in line with the status and title of other similar judicial appointments; and • establish the office of Family Judge of the Royal Court in respect of the Family Division, and give a Family Judge the judicial functions previously delegated to a Registrar by the Judicial Greffier. <p>Although the title of this legislation suggests that there will be implications for families and therefore children this is not the case. It is merely legislation to amend the status and title of Registrars of the Family Court who will become formally known as Family Judges. The Family Judge will continue to be the Judge responsible for granting decrees of divorce and dissolution of civil partnerships, for determining financial disputes between spouses or civil partners and making orders in relation to the children of a family. The Family Judge also retains responsibility for processing adoption applications which are heard before the Royal Court.</p>
<p>2) Which groups of children and young people are likely to be affected?</p> <p>Groups of children could include early years, primary or secondary education; young adults; children with additional learning needs; disabled children; children living in poverty; children from particular ethnic backgrounds; migrants; refugees; care experienced children and LGBTQ+ children</p>
<p>As highlighted above this change will have no direct impact on the rights of children or young people.</p> <p>This legislation proposes a change in status and title of the Registrar which is an existing role in the Family Court Division.</p>
<p>3) What is the likely impact of the proposed decision on children and on their rights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify any potential positive OR negative impacts and include indirect impacts on children and their rights as described in the UNCRC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will different groups of children be affected differently by this decision?
<p>There will be no impact on children or young people's rights if this legislation is adopted.</p>
<p>4) Is a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment required? If you have identified impacts on children and their rights, a full CRIA should be completed. If no impacts are identified then a Full CRIA is not required, but please explain your rationale and how you reached this conclusion</p>
<p>A full Child Rights Impact Assessment is not required as there are no impacts on the rights of children or young people.</p>