



# Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

## CHAPTER 20

### BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT 1953

#### PART I

##### REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

- 1 Particulars of births to be registered.
- 2 Information concerning birth to be given to registrar within forty-two days.
- 3 Information concerning finding of new-born child to be given to registrar within forty-two days.
- 3A Registration of births of abandoned children.
- 4 Registrar's power to require information concerning birth.
- 5 Registration of births free of charge.
- 6 Registration between three and twelve months from date of birth.
- 7 Registration after twelve months from date of birth.
- 8 Penalty for improper registration after three months from date of birth.
- 9 Giving of information to a person other than the registrar.
- 10 Registration of father where parents not married.
- 10ZA Registration of father by virtue of certain provisions of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990
- 10A Re-registration where parents not married.
- 11 Special provision as to registration of still-birth.
- 12 Certificate of registration of birth.
- 13 Registration of name of child or of alteration of name.
- 14 Re-registration of births of legitimated persons.
- 14A Re-registration after declaration of parentage.

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## PART II

### REGISTRATION OF DEATHS

- 15 Particulars of deaths to be registered.
- 16 Information concerning death in a house.
- 17 Information concerning other deaths.
- 18 Notice preliminary to information of death.
- 19 Registrar's power to require information concerning death.
- 20 Registration of death free of charge.
- 21 Registration of death after twelve months.
- 22 Certificates of cause of death.
- 23 Furnishing of information by coroner.
- 23A Giving of information concerning a death to a person other than the registrar
- 24 Certificates as to registration of death.

## PART III

### GENERAL

#### *Registers, certified copies, etc.*

- 25 Provision of registers, etc., by Registrar General.
- 26 Quarterly returns to be made by registrar to superintendent registrar.
- 27 Quarterly returns by superintendent registrar to Registrar General.
- 28 Custody of registers, etc.
- 29 Correction of errors in registers.
- 29A Alternative procedure for certain corrections.

#### *Searches and Certificates*

- 30 Searches of indexes kept by Registrar General.
- 31 Searches of indexes kept by superintendent registrars.
- 32 Searches in registers kept by registrars.
- 33 Short certificate of birth.
- 34 Entry in register as evidence of birth or death.

#### *Offences*

- 35 Offences relating to registers.
- 36 Penalties for failure to give information, etc.
- 37 Penalty for forging certificate, etc.
- 38 Prosecution of offences and application of fines.

#### *Miscellaneous*

- 39 Regulations.
- 40 Sending documents by post.
- 41 Interpretation.
- 42 Savings, etc.
- 43 Repeals and consequential amendments.
- 44 Short title, extent and commencement.

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FIRST SCHEDULE — Consequential Amendments of other Enactments

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*B. The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926 (16 & 17 Geo.5. c.88)*

- 2 In subsection (1) of section one, for the reference to...
- 3 In section five, for the reference to a certificate given...

*The Legitimacy Act, 1926 (16 & 17 Geo. 5. c.60)*

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SECOND —  
SCHEDULE

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