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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,  
MARRIAGES, ETC.

## ENGLAND AND WALES

The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages  
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1982

Made - - - - - 12th July 1982

Coming into Operation 2nd August 1982

The Registrar General in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 20 of the Registration Service Act 1953(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Social Services(b), hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1.—(1) These regulations which may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1982, amend the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968(c) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal regulations”) and shall come into operation on 2nd August 1982.

(2) These regulations shall be included among those(c) which may be cited together as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968 to 1982.

*Insertion of regulations 15A, 15B and 15C in the principal regulations*

2. After regulation 15 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulations:—

*“Draft of the particulars to be registered*

15A.—(1) Except where paragraph (2) applies, before commencing an entry in a register of births, still-births or deaths, the registrar shall prepare a draft of the particulars to be entered in a register, on a form provided for the purpose by the Registrar General.

(a) 1953 c. 37.

(b) See the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699).

(c) S.I. 1968/2049, as amended by S.I. 1969/1811, 1970/1780, 1971/1218, 1974/571, 1976/2081, 1977/1912, 1982/265.

(2) Where a qualified informant is required to make a declaration pursuant to:—

- (a) section 6 of the Act (registration between 3 or 12 months of birth); or
- (b) section 9 of the Act (information to a person other than the registrar); or
- (c) regulation 23 by virtue of section 7 of the Act (registration after 12 months of birth),

the superintendent registrar or registrar before whom such a declaration is to be made shall prepare a draft of the particulars to be entered in a register, on a form provided for the purpose by the Registrar General.

(3) Where in any case to which either paragraph (1) or (2) applies, a qualified informant has given the particulars to be entered in a register, the superintendent registrar or, as the case may be, the registrar shall show or read to the informant the particulars entered on the form and shall correct any error or omission therein.

*Information under the Population (Statistics) Act 1938*

**15B.**—(1) Where a draft of the particulars to be entered in a register concerning a birth, still-birth or death, is prepared pursuant to regulation 15A, the superintendent registrar or, as the case may be, the registrar shall, except in the case of:—

- (a) the registration of death of a child under the age of 16 years; or
- (b) the registration of a birth or death which occurred more than 12 months previously; or
- (c) any re-registration of a birth, still-birth or death on the authority or by direction of the Registrar General,

require the informant to furnish to him such other particulars specified in the Schedule to the Population (Statistics) Act 1938<sup>(a)</sup> as are appropriate to the registration and within his knowledge and shall enter the information so furnished on the form provided for the purpose by the Registrar General.

(2) The superintendent registrar or, as the case may be, the registrar shall show or read to the informant the particulars entered on the form and shall correct any error or omission therein.

*Forms to be sent to the Registrar General*

**15C.**—(1) The registrar shall send to the Registrar General the forms containing the particulars and information prepared pursuant to regulations 15A and 15B:—

- (a) in the case of a birth, not later than the Saturday of the week following the week in which he registered the birth; and
- (b) in the case of a still-birth or death, not later than the Saturday of the week in which he registered the still-birth or death.

<sup>(a)</sup> 1938 c. 12; the Schedule to the Act has been substituted by the Population (Statistics) Act 1960 (c. 32).

(2) The registrar shall send with the forms referred to in paragraph (1)(b) the following:—

(a) any coroner's certificate, furnished under section 20(5) or 20(7)(b) of the Coroners (Amendment) Act 1926(a);

(b) Parts IV and V of any coroner's certificate after inquest, furnished under section 23(1) of the Act, together with such particulars as are necessary to identify the entry and register to which that information relates;

(c) Parts III and IV of any coroner's certificate after inquest adjourned, furnished under section 20(4) of the Coroners (Amendment) Act 1926, together with such particulars as are necessary to identify the entry and register to which that information relates.

(3) Where a birth, still-birth or death has been registered before the coming into operation of this regulation and particulars and information concerning that birth, still-birth or death, such as would have been required had this regulation been in operation at the time of the registration, have not already been sent to the Registrar General, the registrar having custody of any forms containing such particulars and information in respect of each such birth, still-birth or death shall send those forms to the Registrar General not later than 12th August 1982.”.

*Insertion of regulation 77A and consequential amendments to the principal regulations*

3.—(1) After regulation 77 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:—

*“Copy of corrected or annotated entry to be sent to Registrar General*

77A.—(1) When a superintendent registrar or registrar makes any correction or annotation or both a correction and an annotation to a completed entry in a register of births, still-births, deaths or marriages, whether by marginal note or otherwise, he shall within 7 days of the correction or annotation or both, make and send to the Registrar General a copy of that entry as corrected or annotated or both, including a copy of any marginal note, certified by:—

(a) the registrar, if the register containing that entry is in his custody; or

(b) the registrar and superintendent registrar, if the register containing that entry is in the custody of the registrar and a quarterly copy of the entry has been certified; or

(c) the superintendent registrar, where the register containing that entry is in his custody;

together with a copy of the new entry, certified by the registrar who made that entry, in any case where a birth is re-registered under either section 10A or 14 of the Act.

(2) Where a registrar has re-registered a birth under either section 10A or 14 of the Act and the previous entry is in a register in the custody of a superintendent registrar the registrar shall within 7 days of the re-registration, provide the said superintendent registrar with a certified copy of that new entry.

(a) 1926 c. 59; section 20 to the Act has been substituted by the Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45).

(3) Where before the coming into operation of this regulation a correction or annotation or both were made to a completed entry in a register of births, still-births, deaths or marriages, but a certified copy of such completed entry including any marginal note such as required by paragraphs (1) and (2) has not already been sent to the Registrar General or, as the case may be, the superintendent registrar, then:—

(a) the superintendent registrar or, as the case may be, the registrar having custody of the copy of each such corrected or annotated entry shall send that copy to the Registrar General not later than 12th August 1982;

(b) where a birth is re-registered under either section 10A or 14 of the Act the registrar having custody of the copy of the entry shall send that copy to the Registrar General not later than 12th August 1982.”.

(2) In regulation 25E of the principal regulations there shall be deleted the words “and make a certified copy of that entry including a copy of the note, and send the copy to the Registrar General”.

(3) In regulation 25F of the principal regulations there shall be deleted the words “and make a certified copy of that entry including a copy of the note, and send the copy to the Registrar General”.

(4) In regulation 32 of the principal regulations there shall be deleted the words “and shall make a certified copy of the previous entry, including a copy of the note, and send the copy to the Registrar General”.

(5) In regulation 37 of the principal regulations paragraphs (1)(c) and (2)(c) shall be deleted.

Given under my hand on 12th July 1982.

*A. R. Thatcher,*  
Registrar General.

I approve

*Norman Fowler,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

12th July 1982.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations amend the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968 (the principal regulations).

Regulation 2, by inserting regulations 15A, 15B and 15C, amends the principal regulations so as to provide for the completion and return to the Registrar General of a draft of particulars to be entered in a register together with other particulars as required in accordance with the Population (Statistics) Act 1938.

Regulation 3, by inserting regulation 77A, amends the principal regulations so as to provide for copies of entries to be made and sent to the Registrar General whenever a correction or annotation is made to a completed entry in a register of births, still-births, deaths or marriages and also makes consequential amendments to the principal regulations arising thereon.

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