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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.
ENGLAND AND WALES**The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1985**

Made - - - - - 22nd July 1985

Coming into Operation 1st January 1986

The Registrar General in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 1, 11, 20, 22 and 39 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(a) and section 1 of the Industrial Diseases (Notification) Act 1981(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Social Services(c) hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1986.

(2) These regulations shall be included among those(d) which may be cited together as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968 to 1985.

(3) In these regulations “the principal regulations” mean the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968(e).

Amendment of regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations (interpretation) for the definition of “midwife” there shall be substituted the following definition—

‘“midwife” means a registered midwife;’.

(a) 1953 c. 20; section 1 was amended by section 108(1) of, and paragraph 13(1) and (2) of Schedule 3 to, the Children Act 1975 (c. 72); and section 11 was amended by section 2(1) of the Population (Statistics) Act 1960 (c. 32) and section 24(2) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 7 to, the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 (c. 36).

(b) 1981 c. 25.

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

(d) S.I. 1968/2049, amended by S.I. 1969/1811, 1970/1780, 1971/1218, 1974/571, 1976/2081, 1977/1912, 1982/265, 955, 1984/460, 1985/568.

(e) S.I. 1968/2049; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1976/2081, 1985/568.

Amendment of regulation 18(5) of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 18(5) of the principal regulations (manner of registration) for sub-paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(b) If the mother was engaged before the birth in gainful employment and at the time of the registration of the birth particulars of that occupation are given by the informant, the registrar shall enter those particulars.”.

Amendment of regulation 41 of the principal regulations

4. In regulation 41 of the principal regulations (manner of registration of still-births)—

(a) in paragraph (2) for the words “paragraph (3)” there shall be substituted the words “paragraphs (3) and (4)”,

(b) after paragraph (3) there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(4) Where, at the time of the registration of the still-birth, a name is given by the informant in respect of the still-born child, the registrar shall enter that name in space 1.”.

Amendment of regulation 42(1) of the principal regulations

5. In regulation 42(1) of the principal regulations (entry of nature of evidence of still-birth) for the words ““Certified Midwife”” there shall be substituted the words ““Registered Midwife””.

Substitution of regulation 48(2) of the principal regulations

6. For paragraph (2) of regulation 48 of the principal regulations (particulars to be registered and certificate of cause of death) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(2) The form of a certificate of cause of death shall be—

(a) except in the case of a child who dies within 28 days of birth, form 10A;

(b) in the case of such a child, form 10B.”.

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations

7. In Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (prescribed forms)—

- (a) for forms 6 and 7 (medical certificate of still-birth and declaration as to still-birth) there shall be substituted the forms numbered 6 and 7 respectively set out in the Schedule to these regulations;
- (b) in form 8 (certificate that registrar has registered still-birth) there shall be omitted the words
“*To be delivered to the person effecting the disposal of the body*”; and
- (c) after form 10A (certificate of cause of death) there shall be inserted the form numbered 10B set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

Given under my hand on 12th July 1985.

A. R. Thatcher,
Registrar General.

I approve.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

22nd July 1985.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 7

FORM 6

Certificate of still-birth

* { I was present at the still-birth of a $\frac{\text{male}^*}{\text{female}^*}$ child born
 { I have examined the body of a $\frac{\text{male}^*}{\text{female}^*}$ child which I am informed and believe was born

on day of 19... to
 (name of mother)

at
 (place of birth)

† {	1. The certified cause of death has been confirmed by post-mortem.	Weight of fetus grams
	2. Information from post-mortem may be available later.	Estimated duration of pregnancy State (a) the number of weeks at delivery
	3. Post-mortem not being held.	(b) when the child died (i) before labour* (ii) during labour* (iii) not known*

† Please ring appropriate digit

* Strike out the words that do not apply

CAUSE OF DEATH

a. Main diseases or conditions in fetus

b. Other diseases or conditions in fetus

c. Main maternal diseases or conditions affecting fetus

d. Other maternal diseases or conditions affecting fetus

e. Other relevant causes

I hereby certify that (i) the child was not born alive, and
 (ii) to the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death
 and the estimated duration of pregnancy of the mother were
 as stated above.

Signature Date

Qualifications as registered by General Medical
 Council, or Registered no. as Registered Midwife

Address

For still-births in hospital:

Please give the name of the consultant responsible for the care of the mother.

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FORM 7

Declaration as to still-birth

Date of still-birth

Place of still-birth

Name and surname of parents of
still-born child or, in case of
an illegitimate child, of the
mother only

Usual address of mother of child

Reason why a certificate that the child was not born alive cannot be obtained from a
registered medical practitioner or registered midwife

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I declare that the particulars stated above are true to the best of my knowledge
and belief, and that the child mentioned above was not born alive.

Signature Date

State whether "Mother", "Father" of the child
or in what other capacity liable to give
information concerning the still-birth

FORM 10B

Certificate of cause of death of infant

Name of child Sex

Date of death day of 19.....

Age at death days (complete period of 24 hrs) hours

Place of death

Place of birth

Last seen alive by me day of 19.....

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| † | { | 1. The certified cause of death has been confirmed by post-mortem. | { | a. Seen after death by me. |
| | | 2. Information from post-mortem may be available later. | | b. Seen after death by another medical practitioner but not by me. |
| | | 3. Post-mortem not being held. | | c. Not seen after death by a medical practitioner. |
| | | 4. I have reported this death to the Coroner for further action. | | |

† Please ring appropriate digit(s) and letter

CAUSE OF DEATH

- a. Main diseases or conditions in infant
- b. Other diseases or conditions in infant
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- c. Main maternal diseases or conditions affecting infant
- d. Other maternal diseases or conditions affecting infant
-
- e. Other relevant causes

I hereby certify that I was in medical attendance during the above-named deceased's last illness and that the particulars and cause of death above written are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Date

Qualifications as registered by General Medical Council.

Address

For deaths in hospital:
Please give the name of the consultant responsible for the above-named as a patient.

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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).

They extend the principal regulations by requiring the registrar to enter in the particulars of birth particulars of the mother's occupation, if given by the informant, both in the case of legitimate, as well as illegitimate, children (regulation 3); and in the particulars concerning a still-birth the name (if any) given by the informant in respect of a still-born child (regulation 4).

They also amend the principal regulations by prescribing a new form of certificate of cause of death (form 10B, for a child who dies within 28 days of birth (regulations 6 and 7(c)); by substituting a new form of certificate of still-birth (form 6), which requires information as to the maternal condition similar to that prescribed in form 10B to be recorded, and a new form of declaration of a still-birth (regulation 7(a)); and, by deleting from the prescribed form of certificate of registration of a still-birth (form 8) reference to the person effecting the disposal of the body (regulation 7(b)). Finally, the regulations amend references in the principal regulations to "certified midwife" (regulations 2 and 5).

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