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**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,
MARRIAGES, ETC.**

ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment)
Regulations 2007**

Made - - - - - *8th May 2007*

Coming into force - - - - - *1st June 2007*

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 6(2), 20 and 21(1) of the Registration Service Act 1953(a), with the approval of the Chancellor of the Exchequer(b), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 1st June 2007.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968(c).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 5(a)(vi), for “to exercise the functions of” substitute “as”.

(3) In regulation 5(b), omit ‘or any deputy registration office except the office of deputy superintendent registrar’.

(4) Regulation 8 is revoked.

(5) After regulation 9(2), insert—

“(3) A person who holds jointly the offices of superintendent registrar and deputy registrar shall not perform any of the duties of the superintendent registrar in relation to any duties which he performs as deputy registrar.”.

(a) 1953 c.37: sections 6 and 20 were amended by the Local Government Act 1972, section 251 and Schedule 29, paragraphs 41(2) and 41(5), respectively.

(b) The approval of “the Minister” is required by section 20 of the Registration Service Act 1953. The function of approving regulations was transferred to the Chancellor of Exchequer by article 3(1) of and paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Transfer of Functions (Registration and Statistics) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/273).

(c) S.I. 1968 No. 2049: relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1974/571, S.I. 1992/2753 and S.I. 2006/1722.

Given under my hand on 1st May 2007

*Karen Dunnell
Registrar General*

I approve

*John Healey
Financial Secretary to the Treasury*

8th May 2007

By authority of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

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

The 1968 Regulations as now amended will allow a person carrying out the functions of the local authority's proper officer for registration matters to be appointed as a superintendent registrar, whilst continuing the bar on the proper officer himself being so appointed. They will also allow a superintendent registrar to be appointed as a deputy registrar. But a superintendent registrar appointed in that way will not be able to supervise his own functions as a deputy registrar.

The regulations also remove the obligation on a superintendent registrar to compile and circulate information about registration staff, their addresses and hours of business.

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