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**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES,
ETC., ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language)
(Amendment) Regulations 2024**

Made - - - - *3rd September 2024*

Coming into force - - *9th September 2024*

The Registrar General for England and Wales makes these Regulations with the approval of the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 20, 22(2), 23, 23A(1) and (3), 33A(2) and 39(1)(a) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(a) as extended by section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993(b).

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 9th September 2024.

Amendment of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987(c)

2.—(1) The Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987 are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (prescribed forms for registration of births and deaths)(d)—

- (a) for “forms 1 to 16”, substitute “forms 1 to 10 and 14 to 16”;
- (b) for “13 to 18”, substitute “13, 17, 18”.

(3) In regulation 6 (registration of deaths occurring in Wales)(e)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “Forms 11 to 15”, substitute “Forms 14 and 15”;
- (b) omit paragraph (2);

(a) 1953 c. 20. Section 20 was amended by the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25), Schedule 21, Part 1, paragraphs 6 and 12, and Schedule 23, Part 1. Section 22 was substituted by the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, Schedule 21, Part 1, paragraphs 6 and 14. Section 23 was amended by the Coroners Act 1988 (c. 13) Schedule 3, paragraph 4(1), (2), (3) and (4), Schedule 4, by the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, Schedule 21, Part 1, paragraphs 6, 15(1), (2), (3) and (4), and by the Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (c. 35), section 44. Section 23A was inserted by S.I. 1996/2395, article 3. Section 33A was inserted by the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, Schedule 21, Part 1, paragraphs 6 and 19. Section 39(1)(a) was numbered as such by S.I. 2021/1231, article 3 and amended (prospectively) by the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c. 24), Schedule 6, Part 1, paragraphs 1 and 16, and by the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), section 98(1) and (3), and by the Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), Schedule 15, Part 2, paragraphs 21 and 29.

(b) 1993 c. 38.

(c) S.I. 1987/2089.

(d) Regulation 2 was amended by S.I. 1992/1504, article 2.

(e) Regulation 6 was amended by S.I. 2006/2827, regulation 27(2), there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.

- (c) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) after “paragraph” , insert “(4A) or”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (a)—
 - (aa) for “certificate of cause of death”, substitute “confirmed attending practitioner’s certificate, or of a medical examiner’s certificate.”;
 - (bb) for the words from “42(4)” to “47(5)”, substitute “42(4), 42A(4)(b) or 43(2)”;
 - (d) after paragraph (4), insert—

“(4A) Where a death is registered on production of a coroner’s certificate on request by the registrar pursuant to section 23(4) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953—

 - (a) the registrar shall enter the particulars precisely as stated in the certificate in accordance with regulation 43A of the principal Regulations, and
 - (b) if the certificate is completed by the coroner in Welsh as well as English, the registrar shall also enter the Welsh version of the particulars and of the words prescribed by regulation 43A(3)(a) of the principal Regulations.”;
 - (e) in paragraph (5), after the words “certificate after inquest”, insert “, or after an investigation by the coroner is suspended”.
- (4) In regulation 7, after “58(2)(b)” insert “, 58A(2)(b)”.
- (5) After regulation 8, insert—

“Short certificate of death

8A.—(1) In relation to a short certificate of death issued by a superintendent registrar or registrar which is compiled from an entry in a death register relating to a death which occurred in Wales, form 19 shall be the prescribed form in place of form 22A in Schedule 2 to the principal regulations and regulations 66A to 66C shall have effect as if they referred to form 19 (and not to form 22A).

(2) In relation to a short certificate of death issued by the Registrar General which is compiled from an entry in a death register relating to a death which occurred in Wales, form 20 shall be the prescribed form in place of form 22B in Schedule 2 to the principal regulations and regulations 66A to 66C shall have effect as if they referred to form 20 (and not to form 22B).

(3) Where a short certificate of death is compiled from an entry, which pursuant to these Regulations contains a Welsh version of the particulars entered, the short certificate shall likewise include particulars in Welsh as well as in English.”.

- (6) Schedule 2 (prescribed forms)(a) is amended as follows—

- (a) in the table headed “CONTENTS”—
 - (i) omit the rows beginning with “11”, “12” and “13”;
 - (ii) after the row beginning “18”, insert—

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------|
| “19 | Short certificate of death issued by superintendent registrar/registrar | The Act, section 33A | 22A |
| 20 | Short certificate of death issued by Registrar General | The Act, section 33A | 22B” |

- (b) omit forms 11, 12 and 13;
- (c) after form 18, insert the forms set out under the headings “Form 1” and “Form 2” in the Schedule.

(a) There are amendments to Schedule 2, but none is relevant to these Regulations.

(7) The table in Schedule 3(a) is amended as follows—

(a) for the row beginning with “42(4)”, substitute—

| | | |
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| “42(4)(b)(i) | Established by ... Scrutinised and confirmed by ... Medical Examiner | Wedi’i sefydlu gan ... Wedi’i graffu a’i gadarnhau gan ... Archwilydd Meddygol |
| 42(4)(b)(ii) | Established and confirmed by ... Medical Examiner, following referral by a coroner | Wedi’i sefydlu a’i gadarnhau gan ... Archwilydd Meddygol, yn dilyn atgyfeiriad gan Grwner” |

(b) for the row beginning with “43(2)”, substitute—

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| “43(2)(a) | Certified by ... for ... following investigation without post-mortem and without inquest | Tystiwyd gan ... am ... yn dilyn ymchwiliad heb post- mortem a heb gwest |
| 43(2)(b) | Certified by ... for ... after post-mortem without inquest | Tystiwyd gan ... am ... ar ôl post-mortem heb gwest |
| 43A(3)(a) | Certificate received from ... pursuant to section 23(4) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 | Derbyniwyd tystysgrif gan yn unol ag adran 23(4) o Ddeddf Cofrestru Genedigaethau a Marwolaethau 1953” |

(c) for the row beginning with “44(a)”, substitute—

| | | |
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| “44(a) | Inquest discontinued under section 4 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 by ... and cause of death disclosed as ... | Daeth y cwest i ben o dan adran 4 o Ddeddf Crwneriaid a Chyfiawnder 2009 gan ... a datgelwyd achos y farwolaeth fel ...” |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

(d) omit the row beginning with “47(6)”;

(e) after the row beginning with “58(2)(b)”, insert—

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| “58A(2)(b) | In space ... corrected to ... on ... by me ... registrar [or superintendent registrar] on receipt of notification from the medical examiner | Yn y gofod ... wedi’i gywiro i ... ar... gennyf i cofrestrydd [neu gofrestrydd arolygol] ar ôl derbyn hysbysiad gan yr archwilydd meddygol” |
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Made by the Registrar General for England and Wales

3rd September 2024

Tom Greig
Registrar General for England and Wales

I approve,
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

3rd September 2024

Seema Malhotra
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Home Office

(a) Schedule 3 was substituted by S.I. 2009/2165.

SCHEDULE
Prescribed forms

Regulation 2(6)(c)

Regulation 2(6)(c)

Form 1

FORM 19
SHORT CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ISSUED BY SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR
OR REGISTRAR

Regulation 8A(1)

Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, s. 33A

| DEATH - MARWOLAETH | | Entry No. Cofnod Rhif |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Registration district Dosbarth cofrestru | Administrative area | |
| Sub-district Is-ddosbarth | Rhanbarth gweinyddol | |
| 1. Date and place of death | | |
| Dyddiad a lle y bu farw | | |
| 2. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw | | |
| 3. Age / Date of birth | | |
| Oedran / Dyddiad y geni | | |
| 4. Occupation and usual address | | |
| Gwaith a chyfeiriad arferol | | |
| 5. Date of registration | | |
| Dyddiad cofrestru | | |

Certified to have been compiled from an entry in the register of births or deaths.
Tystiolaethwyd ei fod wedi'i lunio o gofnod yn y gofrestr genedigaethau neu farwolaethau.

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*Superintendent Registrar
*Cofrestrydd Arolygol
*Registrar
*Cofrestrydd

Date
Dyddiad

*Strike out whichever does not apply
*Dylid dileu, fel y bo'r achos

Form 2

FORM 20
SHORT CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ISSUED BY REGISTRAR GENERAL

Regulation 8A(2)

Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, s. 33A

| DEATH - MARWOLAETH | | Entry No. Cofnod Rhif |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Registration district Dosbarth cofrestru | Administrative area | |
| Sub-district Is-ddosbarth | Rhanbarth gweinyddol | |
| 1. Date and place of death | | |
| | Dyddiad a lle y bu farw | |
| 2. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw | | |
| 3. Age / Date of birth | | |
| | Oedran / Dyddiad y geni | |
| 4. Occupation and usual address | | |
| | Gwalth a chyfeiriad arferol | |
| 5. Date of registration | | |
| | Dyddiad cofrestru | |

Certified to have been compiled from an entry in the register of births or deaths. Given at the General Register Office, under the Seal of the said Office on

Tystiolaethwyd ei fod wedi'i lunio o gofnod yn y gofrestr genedigaethau neu farwolaethau. Fe'i rhoddwyd yn y General Register Office, o dan Sêl y Swyddfa a enwyd ar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/2089) (“the Welsh Language Regulations 1987”). The amendments are consequential on amendments made to the Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/2088) and prescribe the manner of registration and the information required to be registered by the registrar on receipt of a confirmed attending practitioner’s certificate, or a medical examiner’s certificate given to the registrar in accordance with regulations made under section 20 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25).

These Regulations further amend the Welsh Language Regulations 1987 to prescribe for use in Wales the form, manner of compilation and particulars to be recorded in a Short Certificate of Death issued under section 33A of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.

These Regulations make further amendments consequential to those described above and to the commencement of several provisions contained in Part 1 of Schedule 21 to the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, which amend the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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