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

1953 No. 1347

The Registration (Births, Still-Births and Deaths) (Prescription of Forms) Regulations, 1953

Made - - - - 4*th September*, 1953

Coming into Operation 30*th September*, 1953

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 39 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953(a), and subsection (1) of section 1 and section 12 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Minister of Health, hereby makes the following regulations:—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Registration (Births, Still-Births and Deaths) (Prescription of Forms) Regulations, 1953, and shall come into operation on the thirtieth day of September, 1953.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

" the Act " means the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953 ;

" birth " does not include a still-birth.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART II.—BIRTHS AND STILL-BIRTHS

Registration of birth and still-birth

3. The form for the registration in pursuance of section 5 of the Act of a birth and the particulars required to be registered concerning the birth shall be the form set out in the first schedule to these regulations, and the form for the registration in pursuance of the said section of a still-birth and the particulars required to be registered concerning the still-birth shall be the form set out in the second schedule to these regulations.

Certificate of alteration or giving of name

4. The form of a certificate for the purposes of subsection (1) of section 13 of the Act that the name by which a child was registered has been altered, or, if it was registered without a name, that a name has been given to it, shall be, if the name was altered or given in baptism, the form set out in the third schedule to these regulations and, if a name has not been given to the child in baptism, the form set out in the fourth schedule thereto.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 20. (b) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 48.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Declaration by informant that a child was still-born

5. The form of a declaration for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 11 of the Act, in the absence of a certificate of a registered medical practitioner or a certified midwife that a child was not born alive, shall be the form set out in the fifth schedule to these regulations.

Certificate that still-birth has been registered

6. The form of a certificate of a registrar for the purposes of subsection (2) of section 11 of the Act that he has registered a still-birth shall be the form set out in the sixth schedule to these regulations.

Certificate of registration

7. The form of a certificate of a registrar for the purposes of section 12 of the Act that he has registered a birth or a still-birth shall be the form set out in the seventh schedule to these regulations.

Short birth certificate

8. The form of a short certificate of birth issued by a superintendent registrar or a registrar under section 33 of the Act shall be the form set out in the eighth schedule to these regulations.

PART III.—DEATHS

Registration of death

9. The form for the registration in pursuance of section 20 of the Act of a death and the particulars required to be registered concerning the death shall be the form set out in the ninth schedule to these regulations.

Medical certificate of cause of death

10.—(1) The form of a certificate of a registered medical practitioner in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 22 of the Act as to the cause of a death shall be the form set out in the tenth schedule to these regulations.

(2) The form of a notice to an informant in pursuance of subsection (2) of the said section that such a certificate has been signed shall be the form set out in the eleventh schedule to these regulations.

Registration of death after inquest or post-mortem examination

11.—(1) The form for the registration in pursuance of subsection (2) of section 23 of the Act of a death and the particulars required to be registered concerning the death, as found at an inquest, shall be the form set out in the ninth schedule to these regulations.

(2) The form in which in pursuance of subsection (3) of the said section the cause of death is to be entered in a register, where after a post-mortem examination the coroner is satisfied that an inquest is unnecessary, shall be so much of the form set out in the said ninth schedule as relates to the cause of death.

Certificate that death is not required to be registered

12. The form of a certificate of a registrar in pursuance of subsection (2) of section 24 of the Act that a death is not required to be registered in England and Wales shall be the form set out in the twelfth schedule to these regulations.

Declaration that a registrar's certificate or coroner's order for disposal has been issued

13. The form of a declaration for the purposes of the proviso to subsection (1) of section 1 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926, that a certificate of the registrar or order of the coroner has been issued in respect of a deceased person shall be the form set out in the thirteenth schedule to these regulations, or a form substantially to the like effect.

Part IV.—Births, Still-Births and Deaths

Registers

14.—(1) A register of births, still-births or deaths shall be in the form of a book having a front page to show the district and sub-district to which it relates and the number of the book, and containing pages of blank forms in the form set out respectively in the first, second and ninth schedules to these regulations.

(2) The pages in the book shall contain such number of forms as the Registrar General may think fit, and the forms in the book shall be numbered consecutively from the beginning.

Quarterly certified copies of entries in register

15. The form of a true copy of all the entries in a register of births, still-births or deaths for any period for the purposes of section 26 of the Act shall be, in the case of a birth, the form set out in the first schedule to these regulations, in the case of a still-birth, the form set out in the second schedule thereto, and in the case of a death the form set out in the ninth schedule thereto.

Certificate that no entry has been made in the register

16. The form of a certificate of a registrar under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 26 of the Act that no live-birth, still-birth, or death has been registered in his sub-district during a period shall be the form set out in the fourteenth schedule to these regulations.

Part V.—Saving and Revocation

Saving for existing forms

17. Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, any form lawfully used immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations for any of the purposes for which these regulations provide may be used for the like purpose until the first day of October, 1954.

Revocation

18. Paragraph (1) of regulation 84 of the Registration (Births, Still-Births, Deaths and Marriages) Consolidated Regulations, 1927(**a**), (which prescribed the form of a declaration for the purposes of the proviso to subsection (1) of section 1 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926) is hereby revoked.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1927/485; Rev. XIX, p. 861; 1927, p. 1528.

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 5]

Columns:— 1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORM OF REGISTRATION OF STILL-BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 5]

Columns:— 1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where born	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Evidence that child was still-born	Signature of registrar

THIRD SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATE OF NAME GIVEN IN BAPTISM WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER REGISTRATION OF BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 13.]

I.....of.....
do hereby certify that [according to the register of Baptisms for.....
.....now in my custody]* the male† / female child stated to have
been born on the.....day of.....19.....to.....
.....and.....was on the.....
day of.....19.....baptised by.....
in the name.....

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

Signature.....

Description.....

* To be deleted where the certificate is given by the person who baptised the child.
† Strike out whichever does not apply.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATE OF NAME GIVEN NOT IN BAPTISM WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER REGISTRATION OF BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 13.]

I.....of.....
being the.....of the male* / female child born to ..... and.....
on the.....day of.....19.....whose birth was registered
in the register of births for the sub-district of.....
on the.....day of.....19.....do hereby certify that the said child not having been given a name in baptism was within twelve months after the registration of his* / her birth given the name.....

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

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* Strike out whichever does not apply.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

FORM OF DECLARATION AS TO STILL-BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 11 (1) (*b*)]

1. Date of still-birth.....
2. Place of still-birth.....
3. Name and surname of parents of still-born child, or, in case of an illegitimate child, of the mother only .....
.....
4. Residence of mother of child.....
5. Here state the reason why a certificate that the child was not born alive cannot be obtained from a registered medical practitioner or certified midwife:
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6. If a registered medical practitioner or certified midwife was present at the birth or examined the body, state his or her name and address:
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.....

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

Signature.....

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

Date.....

SIXTH SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATE BY REGISTRAR THAT HE HAS REGISTERED A STILL-BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 11 (2)]

To be delivered to the person effecting the disposal of the body

I, the undersigned registrar, do hereby certify that I have this day registered the birth of the still-born child of.....
.....
which took place on.....at.....
Entry No. ..... Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

Registrar of
.....Births and Deaths.

Registration District..... Sub-District.....

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTH OR STILL-BIRTH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 12.]

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the birth of a $\frac{\text{male*}}{\text{female}}$ child (still-) born on the.....19..... has been duly registered by me at Entry No..... in my Register No. .....

Name of informant.....

Qualification of informant.....

Witness my hand, this.....day of.....19.....

Registrar of
.....Births and Deaths.

District..... Sub-District.....

* Strike out whichever does not apply.

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

FORM OF SHORT BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR ISSUE BY A SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR OR REGISTRAR

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 33 (2)]

Name and Surname.....

Sex.....

Date of Birth.....

Place of Birth.....

I.....

Superintendent Registrar for _____

Registrar of Births and Deaths for the sub-district of.....in the Registration District of.....do hereby certify that the above particulars have been compiled from an entry in a register in my custody.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

.....

Superintendent Registrar
Registrar of Births and Deaths.

NINTH SCHEDULE

FORM OF REGISTRATION OF DEATH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, sections 20 and 23]

Columns:— 1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar

TENTH SCHEDULE

FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 22 (1)]

Name of deceased.....

Date of death as stated to me.....day of.....19... Age as stated to me.....

Place of death.....

Last seen alive by me.....day of.....19..... $\frac{\text{Seen*}}{\text{Not seen}}$ after death by me.

CAUSE OF DEATH

I	I
Disease or condition directly leading to death†	(*a*) ..... due to (or as a consequence of)
Antecedent causes	(*b*) ..... due to (or as a consequence of)
Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause stating the underlying condition last	(*c*) .....
II	II
Other significant conditions, contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it	....

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 ..... Qualifications as registered by Medical Council .....

Residence.....

Date.....

* Strike out whichever does not apply.

† This does not mean the mode of dying, such as e.g., heart failure, asphyxia, asthenia, etc.; it means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

ELEVENTH SCHEDULE

NOTICE TO INFORMANT OF SIGNING CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 22 (2)]

I hereby give notice that I have this day signed a medical certificate of cause of death of .....

Signature..... Date.....

This notice is to be delivered by the informant to the registrar of births and deaths for the sub-district in which the death occurred.

TWELFTH SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATE OF NO LIABILITY TO REGISTER

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 24 (2)]

I, the undersigned registrar, hereby certify that, on the information declared before me, it appears that the death of..... ..... is not required by law to be registered in England or Wales.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

.....Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Registration District..... Sub-District.....

THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE

DECLARATION AS TO ISSUE OF REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE OR CORONER'S ORDER

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926, proviso to section 1 (1)]

I.....of..... .
in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1926, declare:—

(1) That I am the person procuring the burial of the body of.....
who died at.....on the.....

(2) that a registrar's certificate* / coroner's order authorising burial was issued by the registrar* / coroner ..... at.....
to..... living at.....
on.....; and,

(3) that the reason why the said document cannot be delivered before burial is that .....
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.....

I make this declaration believing the same to be true.

Signature of declarant.....

Date.....

* Strike out whichever does not apply.

FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

CERTIFICATE OF NO-REGISTRY FOR USE BY REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

[Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, section 26 (1)]

Registration District..... Sub-District.....

I hereby certify that no birth [still-birth, death] has been registered in the birth [still-birth, death] register now kept by me in the above-named sub-district during the quarter ended.....19.....

The number of the last entry recorded in the register before that date is.....

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

..... Registrar.

Given under my hand this fourth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

George North,
Registrar General.

I approve.

Iain Macleod,
Minister of Health.

4th September, 1953.

1953 No. 1364

The Registration (Births, Stillbirths, Deaths and Marriages) Amendment Regulations, 1953

Made - - - - *9th September,* 1953
Coming into Operation *30th September,* 1953

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 7, 9 and 39 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Minister of Health, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Registration (Births, Stillbirths, Deaths and Marriages) Amendment Regulations, 1953, and shall be read as one with the Registration (Births, Stillbirths, Deaths and Marriages) Consolidated Regulations, 1927(**b**), as amended by subsequent regulations; and the Registration (Births, Stillbirths, Deaths and Marriages) Regulations, 1927 to 1951, and these regulations may be cited together as the Registration (Births, Stillbirths, Deaths and Marriages) Regulations, 1927 to 1953.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the thirtieth day of September, 1953.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 20. (b) S.R. & O. 1927/485; Rev. XIX, p. 861; 1927, p. 1528.