



# Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Special Provisions) Act 1957

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## [<sup>F1</sup>3A Alternative procedure for certain corrections.

- (1) This section applies where, in an entry relating to a birth or death in a register or other record to which section 3(3) of this Act applies, a person is wrongly shown as [<sup>F2</sup>—
  - (a) the father of the person to whose birth or death the entry relates, or
  - (b) a parent of that person (having been so registered on the basis of being such a parent by virtue of 42, 43 or 46(1) or (2) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008).]
- (2) Where this section applies, the statutory declaration required by section 3(3) of this Act may be made by one credible person having knowledge of the truth of the case.
- (3) Such a statutory declaration must be accompanied by documentary evidence of a finding that the person shown as the father was not the father [<sup>F3</sup>or, as the case may be, that the person shown as a parent was not such a parent by virtue of 42, 43 or 46(1) or (2) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 ].
- (4) But subsection (5) applies if it appears to the officer specified in accordance with subsection (3) of section 3 of this Act that the only evidence on which the finding was made was that of the person making the statutory declaration.
- (5) In that case, the officer may correct the error only if satisfied that another person, who is a credible person having knowledge of the truth of the case, has (whether before or since the making of the declaration) confirmed the material facts stated in the declaration.
- (6) “Finding” means a finding made expressly in judicial proceedings in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.]

### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 3A inserted (24.5.2002) by [S.I. 2002/1419](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#)

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- F2** Words in s. 3A(1) substituted (6.4.2009 for specified purposes and 1.9.2009 in so far as not already in force) by Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 (c. 22), s. 68(2), **Sch. 6 para. 11(2)**; S.I. 2009/479, art. 6(1)(e)(2) (with art. 7, Sch.)
- F3** Words in s. 3A(3) inserted (6.4.2009 for specified purposes and 1.9.2009 in so far as not already in force) by Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 (c. 22), s. 68(2), **Sch. 6 para. 11(3)**; S.I. 2009/479, art. 6(1)(e)(2) (with art. 7, Sch.)

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