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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 1260 (S.124)**

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

The Registration of Births, Still-Births and Deaths  
(Prescription of Errors) (Scotland) Regulations 1991

*Made* - - - - *20th May 1991*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st July 1991*

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 42(2) and 54(1) (b) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965<sup>(1)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and with the approval of the Secretary of State, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Births, Still-Births and Deaths (Prescription of Errors) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 and shall come into force on 1st July 1991.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965;

“error” includes an error of omission;

“heading” means the unnumbered part or space at the beginning of the form applicable to a register of births, still-births or deaths as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 10 respectively of the Prescription of Forms Regulations;

“Prescription of Forms Regulations” means the Registration of Births, Still-Births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 1965<sup>(2)</sup>; and

“space No.” means, in relation to the number specified, the part or space of that number in the form applicable to a register of births, still-births or deaths as set out in Schedules 1, 2 and 10 respectively of the Prescription of Forms Regulations.

**Prescribed errors for the purposes of section 42 of the Act**

2. Any error in the particulars of an entry in a register of births, still-births, or deaths which—

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(1) 1965 c. 49.

(2) S.I.1965/1839; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1971/1158.

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- (a) falls within a part of the form applicable to the register in question specified in column 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations; and
- (b) is of a description specified opposite thereto in column 2 of that Schedule,

is hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 42(2) of the Act as an error which, subject to the proviso thereto, may be corrected thereunder by the district registrar.

New Register House,  
Edinburgh  
17th May 1991

*C.M. Glennie*  
Registrar General

Approved by the Secretary of State

St. Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
20th May 1991

*Michael B. Forsyth*  
Minister of State, Scottish Office

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Column 1	Column 2
<b>Register of Births</b>	
<b>1</b>	
Heading	Error in any of the information in the heading.
Space No. 2	Error in the sex, but only where the correct sex is compatible with the name of the child.
Space No. 3	(i) Error in the date of birth, but only where the date of birth remains within 3 months of the date of registration; (ii) Error in the time of birth.
Space No. 4	Error in the place of birth, but only where the place of birth remains within the same registration district.
Space No. 5	Error in the mother's name or surname, but only where the error relates to a part or the whole of either the name or of the surname and not to the identity of the mother.
Space No. 6	Error in the mother's maiden surname.
Space No. 7	Error in the mother's usual residence, but only where the usual residence remains within the same registration district.
Space No. 8	Error in the father's name or surname, but only where the error relates to a part or the whole of either the name or of the surname and not to the identity of the father.
Space No. 9	Error in the occupation.
Space No. 10	Error in the date or the place of the parents' marriage.
Space No. 11	Error in the qualification of the informant.
Space No. 12	Error in the date of registration, but only where the correct date is compatible with the date of registration of the previous entry in the register and of any subsequent entry.
<b>Register of still-births</b>	
<b>2</b>	
Heading	Error in any of the information in the heading.
Space No. 1	(i) Error in the date of birth, but only where the date of birth remains within 3 months of the date of registration; (ii) Error in the time of birth.

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Column 1	Column 2
Space No. 2	Error in the place of birth, but only where the place of birth remains within the same registration district.
Space No. 3	Error in the sex.
Space No. 4	Error in the mother's name or surname, but only where the error relates to a part or the whole of either the name or of the surname and not to the identity of the mother.
Space No. 5	Error in the mother's maiden surname.
Space No. 6	Error in the mother's usual residence, but only where the usual residence remains within the same registration district.
Space No. 7	Error in the father's name or surname, but only where the error relates to a part or the whole of either the name or of the surname and not to the identity of the father.
Space No. 8	Error in the occupation.
Space No. 9	Error in the date or the place of the parents' marriage.
Space No. 11	Error in the qualification of the informant.
Space No. 12	Error in the date of registration, but only where the correct date is compatible with the date of registration of the previous entry in the register and of any subsequent entry.

### Register of deaths

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Heading	Error in any of the information in the heading.
Space No. 1	Error in the deceased's name or surname, but only where the error relates to a part or the whole of either the name or of the surname and not to the identity of the deceased.
Space No. 2	Error in the sex.
Space No. 3	Error in the occupation of the deceased.
Space No. 5	Error in the date of birth.
Space No. 6	Error in the age.
Space No. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Error in the name or surname of a spouse of the deceased, but only where the error relates to a part or the whole of either the name or of the surname and not to the identity of the spouse;</li> <li>(ii) Error in a spouse's occupation.</li> </ul>

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Column 1	Column 2
Space No. 8	(i) Error in the date of death, but only where the date of death remains within 3 months of the date of registration; (ii) Error in the time of death; (iii) Error in the place of death, but only where the place of death remains within the same registration district.
Space No. 9	Error in the deceased's usual residence, but only where the usual residence remains within the same registration district.
Space Nos. 10 and 11	(i) Error in the father's name or surname or in the mother's name, surname or maiden surname, but only where the error relates to a part or the whole of either the name or of the surname or maiden surname and not to the identity of the parent; (ii) Error in the father's occupation; (iii) Erroneous omission of the term "(deceased)"; (iv) Erroneous inclusion of the term "(deceased)".
Space No. 13	(i) Error in the qualification of the informant; (ii) Error in the address of the informant.
Space No. 14	Error in the date of registration, but only where the correct date is compatible with the date of registration of the previous entry in the register and of any subsequent entry.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations prescribe the errors which a district registrar may, in addition to clerical errors, correct in an entry in the register of births, still-births or deaths provided that—

- (a) the error is noted before the entry is signed, or
- (b) if it is noted after the entry is signed, it is corrected within seven days from the date of signing, in the presence of the informant.