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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1533**

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

The Registration of Births and Deaths  
(Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1997

Made - - - - 9th June 1997  
Coming into force - - 1st July 1997

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 9(5), 10A(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i), 14(1), 29(2) and 39(a) of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(1), as extended by section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993(2) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Chancellor of the Exchequer(3), hereby makes the following Regulations—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 1st July 1997.

**Amendment of the Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987**

2.—(1) The Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987(4) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 17 (re-registration of birth) in paragraph (3) for sub-paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(a) call upon the parent to make and sign a statement in form 2 in accordance with the authority of the Registrar General;”.

(3) In regulation 20 (re-registration where parent attends)—

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- (1) 1953 c. 20. See section 41 (as amended by S.I.1996/273) for definitions of “the Minister” and “prescribed”. Section 9(5) was added by section 93(3) of the Children Act 1975; section 10A was substituted by section 25 of the Family Law Reform Act 1987 and amended by section 108(4) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 12 to the Children Act 1989; section 14(1) has been amended by section 1(2) of the Legitimation (Re-registration of Birth) Act 1957, section 108(1) and paragraph 13 of Schedule 3 to the Children Act 1975 and section 33(1) and paragraph 16(a) of Schedule 2 to the Family Law Reform Act 1987.
- (2) 1993 c. 38.
- (3) The approval of “the Minister” is required by section 39 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953. The function of approving regulations was transferred to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by article 3(1) and paragraph 8(b) of Schedule 1 to the Transfer of Functions (Registration and Statistics) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/273).
- (4) S.I. 1987/2088, amended by S.I. 1988/638, S.I. 1989/497, S.I. 1991/2275, S.I. 1992/2753, S.I. 1994/1948 and S.I. 1997/844.

- (a) paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be omitted; and
- (b) in paragraph (3)—
  - (i) for the words “The registrar shall then in the presence of the parent —” there shall be substituted the words “Where the parent attends personally at the office of the relevant registrar for re-registration, the registrar shall —”;
  - (ii) for sub-paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—
    - “(a) ascertain from the parent the particulars to be registered concerning the birth and enter them in spaces 1 to 13 of form 1 in the presence of the parent and in accordance with the authority of the Registrar General;”;
    - and
    - (iii) in sub-paragraph (b) the words from “enter in space 12” to “as the case may be, and” shall be omitted.
- (4) In regulation 21 (making of declaration where parent does not attend) in paragraph (1)—
  - (a) the words “with the written consent of the Registrar General” shall be omitted; and
  - (b) at the end of the paragraph there shall be inserted the words “, provided that if the parent is not in England and Wales, he has obtained the written consent of the Registrar General”.
- (5) In regulation 55 (correction of minor clerical errors after completion)—
  - (a) in paragraph (2) after sub-paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—
    - “(cc) omission of the words required to be added in space 15 of a birth entry by regulation 17(2)(c), 17(4)(c), 20(3)(c), or 22(d);”;
    - and
    - (b) in paragraph (4) after the words “regulations 20, 22, 23 and 26A(5)” there shall be inserted the words “and is not one to which sub-paragraph (2)(cc) applies.”.
- (6) In Schedule 2—
  - (a) for form 2 there shall be substituted form 2 in Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
  - (b) forms 5 and 6 shall be omitted(6).

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

**3.** In the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987(7) in Schedule 2—

- (a) for form 2 there shall be substituted form 2 in Schedule 2 to these Regulations; and
- (b) forms 5 and 6 shall be omitted(8).

Given under my hand on

6 June 1997

*Dr. D. Holt*  
Registrar General

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(5) Regulation 26A was inserted by S.I. 1988/638.

(6) Forms 2, 5 and 6 were previously substituted by regulation 8 of S.I. 1994/1948.

(7) S.I. 1987/2089, as amended by S.I. 1988/687, S.I. 1989/511, S.I. 1992/1504, S.I. 1995/818 and S.I. 1997/844.

(8) Forms 2, 5 and 6 were previously substituted by regulation 2 of S.I. 1995/818.

I approve,  
Signed by authority of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

9 June 1997

*Helen Liddell*  
Economic Secretary to the Treasury

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SCHEDULE 1

reg 2(6)

Form 2 DECLARATION/STATEMENT FOR THE REGISTRATION/RE-REGISTRATION OF A BIRTH

Regulations 8, 16 and 17(3); Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, ss9(5), 10(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i) and 10A(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a person qualified to give information for the registration of the birth of the undermentioned child, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE that the particulars below are those to be registered concerning the birth, and that the person named in space 4 is the father.

<b>CHILD</b>	
1. Date and place of birth	
2. Name and surname	3. Sex
<b>FATHER</b>	
4. Name and surname	
5. Place of birth	6. Occupation
<b>MOTHER</b>	
7. Name and surname	
8.(a) Place of birth	8.(b) Occupation
9.(a) Maiden surname	9.(b) Surname at marriage if different from maiden surname
10. Usual address (if different from place of child's birth)	
<b>INFORMANT</b>	
11. Name and surname (if not the mother or father)	12. Qualification
13. Usual address (if different from that in 10 above)	

And I made this declaration solemnly and deliberately, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

Signature(s) ..... Date .....

Signed and declared by the above-named declarant(s) in the presence of .....  
Registrar of Births and Deaths/Superintendent Registrar

Sub-district

District

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SCHEDULE 2

reg 3

**Form 2DECLARATION/STATEMENT FOR THE REGISTRATION/RE-REGISTRATION  
OF A BIRTH**

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Regulations 8, 16 and 17(3); Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, ss9(5), 10(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i) and 10A(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i)

I,   
 Yr wyf i, } .....

being a person qualified to give information for the registration of the birth of the undermentioned child, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE that the particulars below are those to be registered concerning the birth, and that the person named in space 4 is the father.

sef person sydd yn gymwys i roi gwybodaeth ar gyfer cofrestru genedigaeth y plentyn a enwir isod, YN DATGAN YN DDIFRIFOL mai'r manylion isod yw'r rhai sydd i'w cofrestru mewn cysylltiad â'r enedigaeth, ac mai'r sawl a enwir ym ngofod 4 yw'r tad.

<b>CHILD - Y PLENTYN</b>	
1. Date and place of birth Dyddiad a lle y ganwyd	
2. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw	3. Sex Rhyw
<b>FATHER - TAD</b>	
4. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw	
5. Place of birth Lle y ganwyd	6. Occupation Gwaith
<b>MOTHER - MAM</b>	
7. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw	
8.(a) Place of birth Lle y ganwyd	8.(b) Occupation Gwaith
9.(a) Maiden surname Cyfenw morwynol	9.(b) Surname at marriage if different from maiden surname Cyfenw adeg priodi os yn wahanol i'r cyfenw morwynol
10. Usual address (if different from place of child's birth) Cyfeiriad arferol (os yn wahanol i le geni'r plentyn)	
<b>INFORMANT - HYSBYSYDD</b>	
11. Name and surname (if not the mother or father) Enw a chyfenw (os nad y tad neu'r fam)	12. Qualification Cymhwyster
13. Usual address (if different from that in 10 above) Cyfeiriad arferol (os yn wahanol i'r hyn sydd yn 10 uchod)	

And I made this declaration solemnly and deliberately, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, A gwnaf y datganiad hwn yn ddifrifol ac yn fwriadol, hyd eithaf fy ngwybodaeth am cred,

Signature(s) } ..... Date.....  
Llofnod(ion) } ..... Dyddiad.....

Signed and declared by the above-named declarant(s) in the presence of Llofnodwyd a datganwyd gan y datganw(y)r uchod yng ngwydd } Registrar of Births and Deaths/ Superintendent Registrar Cofrestrydd Genedigaethau a Marwolaethau/Cofrestrydd Arolygol

..... { Sub-district Is-ddosbarth } ..... { District Dosbarth }

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987 and the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987. They make minor changes to the procedure for re-registration of a birth to add the name of the child's father or on legitimation of the child and extend the existing provision for correction of minor clerical errors in re-registered birth entries

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## NODYN ESBONIADOL

*(Nid yw'r nodyn hwn yn rhan o'r Rheoliadau)*

Mae'r rheoliadau hyn yn diwygio'r Rheoliadau Cofrestru Genedigaethau a Marwolaethau 1987 a Rheoliadau Cofrestru Genedigaethau a Marwolaethau (Yr Iaith Gymraeg) 1987. Gwnânt fân newidiadau i'r drefn ar gyfer ail-gofrestru genedigaeth yng nghyswllt ychwanegu enw tad y plentyn neu gyfreithuso'r plentyn ac maent yn ymestyn y ddarpariaeth bresennol ar gyfer cywiro mân gamgymeriadau clericyddol yn achos cofnodion genedigaethau a ail-gofrestrwyd.