
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 408

The Civil Registration Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Registration Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 17 December 2012.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations —

“the 1976 Order” means the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976;

“the Act” means the Civil Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 2011;

“birth” does not include a still-birth;

“description”, in relation to a coroner, means his official designation and the area of his jurisdiction;

“maiden surname” means the surname under which a woman contracted her marriage or entered into a civil partnership (or, where she has married or entered into a civil partnership more than once, her first marriage or civil partnership);

“name”, in relation to a person, excludes a surname except in regulations 12, 13, 27 and 30;

“occupation” includes rank or profession;

“prescribed fee” means a fee prescribed under Article 47 of the 1976 Order, Articles 35(3) and 37 of the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, section 157 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 or paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Presumption of Death Act (Northern Ireland) 2009;

“the Record of Northern Ireland Connections” means the register maintained in accordance with section 31(1) of the Act;

“a relevant event” means an event mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Act;

“relevant period” means:

in relation to information relating to a birth or the adoption of a child, the period of 100 years from the date of the child’s birth;

in relation to information relating to a death, the period of 50 years from the date of the death;

in relation to information relating to a marriage or a civil partnership, the period of 75 years from the date the marriage was solemnised or the civil partnership was registered;

in relation to information relating to presumed deaths, the period of 50 years from the presumed date of death;

“relevant register” means:

a register of births or deaths, for which the 1976 Order provides, but not a register of still-births; the Adopted Children Register for which Article 50(1)(a) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 provides;

any marriage registration record, for which the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 provides;

any civil partnership registration record, for which the Civil Partnership Act 2004 provides; or the Register of Presumed Deaths, for which section 15(1) of the Presumption of Death Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 provides;

“remote search” means a search in a relevant register which is conducted by any person at a place other than the General Register Office or a Register Office using electronic communications;

“second female parent” means a woman who is a parent of a child by virtue of section 42 or 43 or, where appropriate, section 46(1) or (2) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008

“short birth certificate” means a certificate of birth issued under Article 40 of the 1976 Order;

“short death certificate” means a certificate of death issued under Article 40A of the 1976 Order;

“signature” or “sign” shall include the entering of a person’s name in such manner as the Registrar General may direct;

“status” means marital or civil partnership status.

(2) In these Regulations, any reference to a numbered form shall be construed as a reference to the form bearing that number in Schedule 1; and any reference to a numbered space on a form shall be construed as a reference to the space bearing that number on the form.

Revocation

3. The Registration (Births, Still-Births and Deaths) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(1) are hereby revoked.