



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION BILL 2017

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A Bill for an Act to repeal the Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1957; for the establishment and maintenance of registers of births, deaths, marriages, adoptions, change of names and the recording in the registers of information in respect of births, deaths, marriages, changes of name and adoptions that take place in the Republic and in certain other circumstances; the issuing of certificates in respect of information recorded in the Register and access to information recorded in the Register and related matters

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Births Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2017*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on 1 February 2018.

3 Definitions

In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise:

‘adoption’ means a change in the legal parents of a child under the Adoption of Children Act 1965;

‘adult’ means a person who is 18 years of age or more;

‘approved organisation’ means an organisation or religious body approved by the Cabinet for the purposes of and under this Act;

‘approved person’ means a person approved by the Cabinet for the purposes of and under this Act;

‘birth registration form’ means a birth registration form prescribed by regulations;

‘change’ in relation to a name, includes an addition or substitution;

‘child’ means a person who is not an adult and includes a stillborn ‘child’ and has a corresponding meaning to that in the Child Protection and Welfare Act 2016;

‘Court’ means the District Court or where necessary, the Supreme Court;

‘deed poll’ means a legal deed made and executed by a person to formalise a change of the person's name;

‘disposal of human remains’ has the same meaning as provided for in the Funeral Burial and Cremation Act 2017;

‘document’ includes electronic information;

‘event’ means a birth, death, marriage, change of name, an adoption, stillbirth or dissolution of marriage;

‘former Act or other law’ includes the Births Deaths and Marriages Act 1957 or other preceding legislation;

‘guardian’ includes the person having the custody or control of a child or young person;