



Civil Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

2011 CHAPTER 20

An Act to amend the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and the Presumption of Death Act (Northern Ireland) 2009; to provide for access to information relating to marriages and civil partnerships and information contained in the Adopted Children Register and the Gender Recognition Register, for the notification of the registration of marriages and civil partnerships, for the Registrar General to supply commemorative documents and for a register called the Record of Northern Ireland Connections; and for connected purposes. [3rd May 2011]

BE IT ENACTED by being passed by the Northern Ireland Assembly and assented to by Her Majesty as follows:

Births

Registration of births

1.—(1) Article 10 of the 1976 Order (registration of births) shall be amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (4).

(2) In paragraph (1) (registration by registrar for district where child born or mother ordinarily resident), for the words from “by the registrar for the district” to the words “in a register in his custody” there shall be substituted the words “in a register by any registrar together with”.

(3) In paragraph (4) (duty to give information to the registrar and sign the register in the presence of the registrar)—

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(a) for the words “the registrar” there shall be substituted the words “ any registrar ”; and

(b) for the words “and to sign the register in the presence of the registrar” there shall be substituted the words “ in such manner as may be prescribed ”.

(4) In paragraph (6) (effect of qualified informant giving required information and signing the register), for the words “and signs the register” there shall be substituted the words “ in the prescribed manner ”.

(5) In the definition of “birth” in Article 2(2) of the 1976 Order (interpretation), at the end there shall be added the words “ in Northern Ireland ”.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 partly in operation; s. 1 not in operation at Royal Assent see s. 34; s. 1(1)(2)(3)(a) and (5) in operation at 3.10.2011 by S.R. 2011/323, art. 2
- I2** S. 1(3)(b) in operation at 16.11.2012 by S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.
- I3** S. 1(4) in operation at 16.11.2012 by S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.

Infant children found exposed

2.—(1) Article 11 of the 1976 Order (infant children found exposed) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1) (duty of certain persons to give information to the registrar and to sign the register in the presence of the registrar), for the words “and to sign the register in the presence of the registrar” there shall be substituted the words “ in the prescribed manner ”.

(3) In paragraph (2) (effect of person giving information and signing the register), for the words “and signs the register” there shall be substituted the words “ in the prescribed manner ”.

Commencement Information

- I4** S. 2 in operation at 16.11.2012 by S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.

Issue of notice for information concerning births

3.—(1) In Article 12 of the 1976 Order (issue of notice for information concerning births), paragraph (1) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (b) (requirement to give certain information), after the word “give” there shall be inserted the words “ in the prescribed manner within such time as may be specified in the notice ”.

(3) The following provisions shall cease to have effect—

- (a) sub-paragraph (a) (requirement to attend personally);

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- (b) sub-paragraph (c) (requirement to sign register) and the immediately preceding “and”.

Commencement Information

I5 [S. 3](#) in operation at 16.11.2012 by [S.R. 2012/406](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

Registration of father where parents not married

4.—(1) Article 14 of the 1976 Order (registration of father where parents not married) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (3)(a) (mother and father jointly request registration and sign the register in the presence of each other), for the words “and in that event the mother and that person shall sign the register in the presence of each other” there shall be substituted the words “ in the prescribed manner ”.

(3) In paragraph (5)(b) (effect of giving information and signing register), for the words “and the signing of the register by him in the presence of the registrar” there shall be substituted the words “ in the prescribed manner ”.

Commencement Information

I6 [S. 4](#) in operation at 16.11.2012 by [S.R. 2012/406](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

Still-births

Time limit on registration of still-births

5.—(1) In Article 13 of the 1976 Order (registration of birth of child after one year requires written authority of Registrar General), paragraph (3) (rule not to apply to still-births) shall cease to have effect.

(2) In Article 15 of the 1976 Order, paragraph (1) (no still-birth to be registered after the expiration of three months from the date of the still-birth) shall cease to have effect.

Registration of still-births where parents not married

6.—(1) At the end of Article 14 of the 1976 Order (registration of father where parents not married), there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(6) This Article shall not apply to the registration of a still-birth.”.

(2) In Article 18 of the 1976 Order (re-registration of births)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(b) (child who has a father and whose parents were not married), at the end of head (ii) there shall be added—

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“or

(iii) particulars relating to his father have been entered in the register in the case of a still-birth and the mother disputes them;”;

(b) after paragraph (1A) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(1B) Paragraph (1A) shall not apply to the re-registration of a still-birth.”.

Legitimated persons

Re-registration of births of legitimated persons

7 In Article 19 of the 1976 Order (re-registration of births of legitimated persons), in paragraph (6) (power of Registrar General where re-registration not pursued to require person to attend and sign register), for sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) there shall be substituted the words “ to take such steps for the purposes of re-registration as are specified in the notice within such time as may be so specified. ”.

Commencement Information

I7 S. 7 in operation at 16.11.2012 by S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.

Declarations of parentage

Re-registration of births after declaration of parentage

8 In Article 19A of the 1976 Order (re-registration of birth after declaration of parentage), in paragraph (2) (re-registration to be effected in prescribed manner and at such place as may be prescribed), the words “and at such place as may be prescribed” shall cease to have effect.

Commencement Information

I8 S. 8 in operation at 16.11.2012 by S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.

Deaths

Registration of deaths

9.—(1) Article 21 of the 1976 Order (registration of deaths) shall be amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (5).

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(2) In paragraph (1) (registration by registrar for district where person died or was ordinarily resident), for the words from “by the registrar for the district” to the words “in a register maintained by him for the purpose” there shall be substituted the words “in a register by any registrar”.

(3) In paragraphs (2) and (3) (cases where body found but no information as to place of death), for the words “in the district” there shall be substituted the words “by the registrar for the district”.

(4) In paragraph (5) (duty to give information and to sign register)—

(a) for the words “to the registrar” there shall be substituted the words “to any registrar”;

(b) for the words “to sign the register in the presence of the registrar” there shall be substituted the words “of such other particulars as may be prescribed, in the prescribed manner”.

(5) In paragraph (6) (effect of information being given and register signed), for the words “and signs the register” there shall be substituted the words “in the prescribed manner”.

(6) In Article 2(2) of the 1976 Order (interpretation), after the definition of “birth” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““death” means death in Northern Ireland;”.

Commencement Information

I9 S. 9 partly in operation; s. 9 not in operation at Royal Assent see s. 34; s. 9(1)(2)(3)(4)(a) and (6) in operation at 3.10.2011 by S.R. 2011/323, art. 2

I10 S. 9(4)(b) in operation at 16.11.2012 by S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.

I11 S. 9(5) in operation at 16.11.2012 by S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.

Issue of notice for information concerning deaths

10.—(1) In Article 23 of the 1976 Order (issue of notice for information concerning deaths), paragraph (1) shall be amended in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).

(2) In sub-paragraph (b) (requirement to give certain information), after the word “give” there shall be inserted the words “in the prescribed manner within such time as may be specified in the notice”.

(3) The following provisions shall cease to have effect—

(a) sub-paragraph (a) (requirement to attend personally);

(b) sub-paragraph (c) (requirement to sign register).