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GUYANA

No. 5 of 1977

REGULATIONS

MADE UNDER

THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT

(CHAPTER 44:01)

IN THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 65A OF THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT, I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Overseas) Regulations, 1977.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“country” means a country in which a registrar is stationed for the purpose of carrying out his functions as a consular officer of Guyana;

“registrar” means a person designated in accordance with section 65A (1) of the Act;

“duly certified and sealed” means signed under the hand of a registrar and impressed with the seal of the head of the respective mission or consulate of Guyana in the country;

“register” means the register of births or the register of deaths, as the case may be, established under Regulations 3 and 4.

Registers of Births and Deaths

3. (1) In each country there shall be maintained registers of births in which shall be recorded the birth within the country of a person in respect of whom a registrar has received an application together with the prescribed fee and is satisfied that he is a citizen of Guyana.

(2) Registers of birth shall be in form A set out in the Schedule.

4. (1) In each country there shall be maintained registers of deaths in which shall be recorded the death within the country of a per-

son in respect of whom a registrar has received an application together with the prescribed fee and is satisfied that at the time of death that he was a citizen of Guyana.

(2) Registers of deaths shall be in form B as set out in the Schedule.

Registration of Births and Deaths

5. (1) On receiving an application for the registration of a birth or of a death, a registrar shall record, as precisely as possible, in the register those particulars for the recording of which provision is made in the register.

(2) Such registration shall be in the manner and form directed in instructions issued under Regulation 14.

6. (1) In a country where certificates of birth or death are issued by local officials a registrar shall not register a birth or death unless satisfied as to the facts of the case by the production of a locally issued certificate of birth or death, as the case may be, or unless he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable to procure such a certificate and then only on the furnishing of a statutory declaration setting out the circumstances of the case as appear sufficient to him.

(2) A registrar shall insert in the entry a record of the production of the locally issued certificate including particulars of the date, number and place of issue thereof.

Correction of Errors

7. (1) An entry in a register shall be deemed to have been completed by the signature of a registrar.

(2) Any error or omission discovered in an entry before completion thereof may be rectified by a registrar in the manner and form directed in instructions issued under Regulation 14.

(3) Any error or omission discovered in any entry after completion thereof may be rectified by a registrar in the manner and form directed in instructions issued under Regulation 14 if he is satisfied as to the correctness of the facts of the case produced by the original informant or some other person cognisant of the facts of the case;

Provided that where, in the opinion of a registrar, the error or omission is not one to which section 43(1) of the Act applies or where more than 7 years have elapsed since the entry was recorded, he shall require the informant to furnish a statutory declaration as to the facts of the case.

8. Where, after the completion of an entry in the register of births, the person to whom the entry relates is given a name in baptism or otherwise differing from the name (if any) recorded therein, the name so given may, subject to the production of such certificate as is referred to in section 34 of the Act, be recorded in the register in the manner and form directed in instructions issued under Regulation 14 without alteration of the previous name.

Transmission of Copies

9. (1) Before the 1st day of February, in each year, a registrar shall transmit to the Registrar General in Guyana a copy, duly certified and sealed, of all entries recorded during the previous year in the registers maintained by him prepared in form C or D, as the case may be, set out in the Schedule.

(2) If in any year there has been no entry made in any register maintained by him, a registrar shall transmit to the Registrar General in Guyana a certificate, duly certified and sealed, to that effect prepared in form E set out in the Schedule.

(3) Where an entry is corrected under Regulation 7 (3) or where an additional or substituted name is added to an entry under Regulation 9 after a copy of the entry has been transmitted in accordance with paragraph (1), a registrar shall likewise transmit a certified copy of the corrected or amended entry.

Issue of Certified Copies

10. (1) A registrar shall issue, on request and on payment of the prescribed fee, a copy duly certified and sealed, of an entry in a register.

(2) Such copy, which shall be a complete copy of all the particulars recorded in an entry, including any correction, addition or substitution made under Regulation 8 or 13, shall be in the form F or H, as the case may be, set out in the Schedule;

Provided that where, under Regulation 12, a specified marginal addition has been made to an entry and later struck out, the addition and its cancellation shall be omitted from the certified copy.

11. A registrar shall issue, on request and on payment of the prescribed fee, a short certificate, duly certified and sealed, in respect of an entry in a register of births on the form G set out in the Schedule.

Adoptions

12. (1) A registrar shall, upon receipt of information from the Registrar General in Guyana as to the making, quashing or revoking of

an adoption order in respect of a person whose birth has been recorded in a register of births, make such marginal additions as may be specified by the Registrar General to the entry relating to that person.

(2) Such additions shall be recorded in the manner and form directed in instructions issued under Regulation 14.

(3) Having complied with the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs, a registrar shall forthwith transmit to the Registrar General, a copy, duly certified and sealed, of the entry showing the additions.

Transitional

13. Notwithstanding Regulation 3(1) an application to register the birth of a person born on or after the 26th May, 1966 but prior to the expiration of six months after the date of the coming into operation of these Regulations and to whom that Regulation applies may be made to a registrar other than that in the country in which the birth occurred or to the Registrar General and for the purpose of that application the foregoing Regulations shall *mutatis mutandis* apply.

14. The Minister may from time to time give such instructions as to the functions or duties of registrars under these Regulations as he considers necessary.

15. Where the Minister is satisfied that the conditions and requirements of these Regulations cannot be complied with and that any registration of birth or death or any addition or correction of an entry in a register is one that should be made, he may authorise such registration, addition or correction, subject to such alternative condition as he may see fit to impose.

16. The following fees shall be exacted for the respective matter against which they appear —

(1) For registering a birth or death	\$2.00 (G.)
(2) For making an addition to or correction of an entry in a register	\$2.00 (G.)
(3) For making a search for an entry in a register	\$2.00 (G.)
(4) For furnishing a certified copy of an entry in a register	\$2.00 (G.)

SCHEDULE

ANNUAL RETURNS OF BIRTHS TO REGISTRAR GENERAL

19. BIRTHS [within the district of the] at

Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father and claim to citizenship of Guyana	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother and claim to citizenship of Guyana	Rank, profession or occupation of father	Signature description and residence of informant	When registered including particulars (if any) of foreign registration	Signature of registrar	Name(s) entered after registration

I, _____, Registrar at _____, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the entries of birth registered in this Office of the High Commissioner Consular for Guyana from the entry of birth of _____, No. _____, to the entry of birth of _____, No. _____.

Witness my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____ 19 _____.

Registrar.

FORM D
ANNUAL RETURNS OF DEATHS TO REGISTRAR GENERAL

19. DEATHS [within the district of the] _____ at _____

Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Rank, profession or occupation and claim to citizenship of Guyana	Residence at the time of death	Signature description and residence of Informant	When registered	Signature of registrar

I, _____, Registrar at _____, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the entries of death registered in this Office of the High Commissioner/Consular for Guyana from the entry of death of _____ No. _____, to the entry of death of _____ No. _____.

Witness my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

Registrar

FORM E

Return of No Entry Having Been made in the Birth Or Death
Registers During Preceding Year

THE DISTRICT OF THE.....AT.....

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I, _____, Registrar at

do hereby certify that during the year
ended the 31st December, 19....., no entry has been made in the
register of Births * maintained by me and the last recorded entry
Deaths
remains at No

Witness my hand and seal, the _____ day of _____ 19.....

Registrar.

* Strike out whichever does not apply. A separate return should be transmitted in respect of each register book in which no entry has been made.

FORM F
FORM OF CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN THE REGISTER OF BIRTHS

19. BIRTHS [within the district of the]										at
Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father and claim to citizenship of Guyana	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother and claim to citizenship of Guyana	Rank, profession or occupation of father	Signature description and residence of informant	When registered including particulars (if any) of foreign registration	Signature of registrar	Name(s) entered after registration

I, _____, Registrar at _____, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the entry of birth of _____, No. _____, in the register of births maintained in this Office of the High Commissioner/Consular for Guyana.

Witness my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

Registrar.

FORM B

FORM OF CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN THE REGISTER OF DEATHS

19. DEATHS [within the district of the]

Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Rank, profession or occupation and claim to citizenship of Guyana	Residence at the time of death	Signature description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar

I, _____, Registrar at _____, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the entry of death of _____, No. _____, in the register of deaths maintained in this Office of the High Commissioner/Consular for Guyana.

Witness my hand and seal, this 22nd day of June, 1977.

Registrar.
C. V. Mingo,
Minister of Home Affairs.

PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA.

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