

## Health Services

Cap. 44.

### HEALTH SERVICES (NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS) REGULATIONS, 1972

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Made by the Minister under section 10 of the Health Services Act. Cap. 44.

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Notification of Births) Regulations, 1972.

**2.** For the purposes of these regulations—

“birth” includes “still-birth”;

“still-birth” means any child which has issued forth or been removed from its mother after the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy and which did not, at any time after being completely expelled or removed from its mother, breathe or show any other signs of life.

**3.** (1) Within thirty-six hours of the birth of any child, the following persons shall give or cause to be given to the Medical Officer of Health for the district in which the child is born, notice of the birth of the child—

(a) the person in charge of any hospital or other institution in which the mother is confined;

(b) the doctor, nurse or other person performing midwifery services for the mother at the time of delivery or within six hours thereafter, where delivery does not take place at a hospital or other similar institution.

(2) The notice required to be given by paragraph (1) shall be in such form as the Chief Medical Officer may prescribe and shall state—

(a) the day of the birth of the child and whether such birth was a live birth or still-birth;

(b) the sex of the child; and

(c) the name and place of ordinary residence of the mother.

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(3) A person who fails to comply with this regulation is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty dollars.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), a person shall not be convicted for failing to comply with this regulation if he satisfies the court that he has a reasonable excuse for such failure.

**4.** (1) Every Medical Officer of Health shall—

- (a) cause to be kept a Register of Births for his district;
- (b) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), enter in the Register the particulars contained in every notice given to him under regulation 3.

(2) Where a notice is given under regulation 3 and the place of ordinary residence of the mother of the child to whose birth the notice relates is stated in the notice to be in a district other than that in which the birth occurred, the Medical Officer of Health to whom the notice is given shall, without complying with paragraph (1) (b), forthwith transmit the notice to the Medical Officer of Health for the district in which the place of ordinary residence of the mother is situated.

(3) A Medical Officer of Health shall, upon receipt of a notice transmitted to him under paragraph (2), forthwith enter the particulars contained in that notice in the Register kept by him under paragraph (1) (a).

**5.** Nothing in these regulations affects any other enactment relating to the registration of births.