

Application for Re-registration of the Birth of a Person born in Northern Ireland before His or Her Parents Marriage

Please read the notes before completing the form overleaf

LEGITIMATION

1. Under the Legitimacy Acts (Northern Ireland) 1928 to 1961, a child born before his or her parents marriage is legitimated by the subsequent marriage of the parents if the father's domicile at the time of the marriage was in Northern Ireland. The child is not legitimated unless the persons who marry are the natural (*that is*, actual) parents of the child.

RE-REGISTRATION

2. Under the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Register General may authorise at any time the re-registration of the birth of a legitimated child on production to him of satisfactory evidence.

If both parents of a legitimated child are living, it is the duty of *both* to give information to the Registrar General with a view to the re-registration of the birth of the child; and *both* parents should accordingly join in making and signing the application on this form.

If either parent is dead, the birth cannot be re-registered unless:

- (a) The name of the father of the child was recorded in the entry of the birth already made, or
- (b) The paternity of the child has been established by an *affiliation* order or Declaration of Parentage by a court of competent jurisdiction, or
- (c) A declaration of the legitimacy of the child has been made under the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 or any corresponding enactment in force at the date of the declaration in any part of Great Britain.

If one parent is still living, and any one of these conditions is satisfied, that parent has a duty to give information to the Registrar General with a view to the re-registration of the birth.

If neither parent is living, and one of the conditions at (a), (b) or (c) is satisfied, it is advisable that information with a view to re-registration should be furnished to the Registrar General by or on behalf of the person interested.

A re-registration may be carried out at any Registrar's Office in Northern Ireland. Where the parents are not now living in Northern Ireland, the re-registration may be effected by means of a declaration before certain persons authorised to administer oaths.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY HELP YOU COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS ON PAGES 3 AND 4

- (a) Careful attention should be given to show the correct spelling of the name(s) and surname of the child. If the child has died, it is possible to register the birth again provided that the child was living at the time of the parent's marriage.
- (b) Full details of your occupation should be shown e.g.
If civil servant, please also state Department and grade.
If factory worker or machine operator, please also state type of product firm produces.
If labourer, please state whether general, farm, builder's etc.
- (c) The country of father's domicile at the date of his marriage to the child's mother is not necessarily the country in which the child's father is residing at the time of his marriage. Generally speaking the country of domicile of a person is the country in which he has taken up residence with the settled intention of making it his permanent home.

If the father's domicile at the time of the marriage was not in Northern Ireland, the question of whether or not the marriage legitimated the child depends upon the law of the country in which he was then domiciled.

Where the laws in different parts of the country vary, the part of the country in which he was domiciled should be stated. EXAMPLES – if domiciled in: Ireland, state whether NORTHERN IRELAND or REPUBLIC OF IRELAND; Great Britain, state whether ENGLAND, WALES or SCOTLAND; Canada, name the particular PROVINCE; USA, name the particular STATE.

- (d) Only the natural parents of the child can make application. A step-father, or adoptive father cannot sign the form.

4. In order that the application may be considered without delay, please answer all of the questions on pages 3 and 4. The form should be completed in ink, properly signed and accompanied by the documents asked for. The documents will be taken care of and returned when the application is settled, or sooner if necessary.

Your application should be processed within 15 working days from the date on which all the relevant and correct information is received in the General Register Office.

No fee is payable for re-registration.

If re-registration is authorised, information will also be given about obtaining new certificates.

Send this form to: The General Register Office
Oxford House
49-55 Chichester Street
BELFAST BT1 4HL

Telephone: 101 if calling from within NI, or
028 9151 3101 if calling from outside NI

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM READ THE NOTES

REF: _____

Please send the following documents with this application

- 1. Child's birth certificate.
- 2. Parent's marriage certificate
- 3. Any documents required by Part F of the form.

- 4. If either party was previously married:-
 - (i) A certificate of Divorce Decree Absolute, or
 - (ii) A death certificate of former spouse.

Please note that photocopies are not acceptable.

A. THE CHILD (See Note 3(c) on Page 2)

YES NO

- 1. Is the child living? YES NO
- 2. Surname by which child is to be known _____
- 3. Full forenames _____
- 4. Full address of child's place of birth _____
- 5. Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR

B. ACTUAL FATHER (See Note 3(c) on Page 2)

- 1. Surname (in Capitals) _____
- 2. Full forenames _____
- 3. Date and place of birth _____
- 4. Marital status at time of Child's birth _____
(i.e. single, married, widowed, divorced)
- 5. Present address _____

- 6. Occupation – type of business _____
details of occupation or job title _____
(If unemployed, last full-time occupation should be given) (See Note 3(b)B on Page 2)

C. MOTHER

- 1. Surname (in Capitals) _____
- 2. Full forenames _____
- 3. Date and place of birth _____
- 4. Mother's Occupation – type of business _____
- details of occupation or job title _____
(If unemployed, last full-time occupation should be given) (See Note 3(b)B on Page 2)
- 5. Maiden Name _____
- 6. Any other surname before marriage to actual father _____
- 7. Marital status at time of child's birth _____
(i.e. single, married, widowed, divorced)
- 8. Present address _____

- 9. Daytime telephone number (if any) _____

D. MARRIAGE OF CHILD'S PARENTS

1. Date of marriage DAY MONTH YEAR 2. Place of marriage _____

E. WAS THE FATHER DOMICILED IN NORTHERN IRELAND

AT THE DATE OF HIS MARRIAGE TO CHILD'S MOTHER? YES NO

If not, please state in which country the father was domiciled. (See Note 3c on page 2) _____

F. COURT ORDERS ETC.

Please tick appropriate box in relation to all of the questions below:

	YES	NO
(i) Did the mother obtain a Court Affiliation Order for the support of the child before she married the father?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) Was the paternity of the child otherwise established by a decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) Has a declaration of parentage or legitimacy been made by the High Court or a County Court?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iv) Has the child been adopted by a order of any Court?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(v) Has the child been made a Ward of Court?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(vi) Has a care order been made in respect of the child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, please forward the Order, Decree or Declaration. (Please note photocopies are not acceptable).

G. REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

At which Registrar's Office do you wish to re-register the birth? _____

NOTE: Each District Council area is a Registration District and the Registrar's Offices in the main are situated in the 26 District Council Offices.

H. DECLARATION

I/We, the undersigned, hereby apply for the re-registration of the birth of the child of whom particulars are given above. I/We testify that the statements made in this application are true.

I, also declare that I am the natural (that is, the actual) father of the child named above.

I, also declare that I am the natural (that is, the actual) mother of the child named above.

Signature of father (to be written in his own ordinary handwriting)

Signature of mother (to be written in her own ordinary handwriting)

Date: _____

Date: _____

J. THIS SECTION IS ONLY TO BE COMPLETED WHERE EITHER PARENT OR THE CHILD IS DECEASED

Name of deceased (actual father or mother)
(send copy of death certificate) _____

Date of death

DAY MONTH YEAR

Place of death _____

If the applicant is NOT the actual father or mother, please state:

Full name and surname _____

Present address _____

What is your concern in applying for re-registration _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____