

# APPLICATION FOR A BIRTH CERTIFICATE

PLEASE READ THE NOTES OVERLEAF before completing this form

FOR REGISTER OFFICE USE ONLY		
Register No.	Entry No.	Certificate No.
Date of issue		

IF THE PERSON IS ADOPTED PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF

## TO THE REGISTRATION OFFICER HAVING CUSTODY OF THE REGISTER

### 1 TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON APPLYING FOR THE CERTIFICATE

Your full name Mr  
Mrs .....  
Miss/Ms ..... (STATE NAME IN FULL)

Your postal address .....

.....Post Code: ..... Telephone no: .....

**2** It would help us if you would state the purpose for which the certificate is required .....

**3** Are you applying for your own birth certificate? Yes/No  
If not please state your relationship to the person .....

### 4 DETAILS OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

**FULL NAME AT BIRTH**  
FORENAME(S)

SURNAME

**DATE OF BIRTH** Day Month Year

PLACE OF BIRTH (full address or name of hospital)

**FATHER'S/PARENT'S\* FULL NAME**  
FORENAME(S)

SURNAME

**MOTHER'S FULL NAME**  
FORENAME(S)

SURNAME

MAIDEN SURNAME

### 5 REQUIREMENTS (for information about the types of certificate available see overleaf)

**A. STANDARD BIRTH CERTIFICATE** £ .....

I require ..... standard birth certificate(s)  
NUMBER

**B. SHORT BIRTH CERTIFICATE** £ .....

I require ..... short birth certificate(s)  
NUMBER

**C. BIRTH CERTIFICATE for certain statutory purposes** £ .....

I require a birth certificate for each undermentioned purpose against which I have placed a tick (✓)

SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) ACT

EDUCATION ACT

FACTORIES ACT

GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES

WAR OR NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

PREMIUM SAVINGS BONDS

SAVINGS CONTRACTS

**6** Signature ..... Date .....

**7 (POSTAL APPLICATIONS ONLY)** I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ ..... made payable to ..... and crossed "/& Co" together with a stamped addressed envelope

\*"Parent" means the mother's female partner who under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 is to be treated as a parent of the child.

## INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTH CERTIFICATES

### STANDARD CERTIFICATES

This is a full copy of the birth entry and includes particulars of parentage and registration.

### SHORT CERTIFICATES

A short certificate shows only the name and surname, sex, date of birth and district of birth. You are required to state the precise date and place of birth and the full name and surname of the person whose certificate is sought, with (as exactly as possible) the names and surnames of the parents and the mother's maiden surname. If you require a short birth certificate and are able to give full details please complete the form overleaf. Unless the full particulars are given a short certificate may not be supplied.

### CERTIFICATES FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Certificates for specific statutory purposes (eg Child Benefit and Social Security) are also available. If you have been asked to obtain such a certificate please place a tick in the appropriate box at 5C overleaf.

## INFORMATION ABOUT ADOPTION CERTIFICATES

Records of adoptions in England and Wales are held by the Registrar General. These relate to persons who have been adopted since 1 January 1927 under the Adoption Acts. A standard certificate is a full copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register which, instead of particulars of parentage and birth registration, gives the date of birth (if known) and particulars of the adoption and adoptive parents. A short certificate shows only the name and bears no reference to adoption. Applications for adoption certificates should be made in writing to General Register Office, PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD. **DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Applications for a standard certificate can also be made online. See [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) for information.

## POSTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATES

If you apply by post please complete this form and enclose a stamped addressed envelope and the appropriate fee in sterling. Information about the cost of certificates may be obtained from any register office. All remittances should be made payable to ..... and crossed "/&Co/". **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

This application form should be sent to the Superintendent Registrar of the district where the birth occurred:

**DO NOT** use this form for making applications to the REGISTRAR GENERAL.

**For the purpose of detection and prevention of crime, information relating to this application may be passed to other Government departments or law enforcement agencies.**

## SEARCHES OF BIRTH INDEXES

Superintendent Registrars do not have the staff to undertake searches of an indefinite or protracted nature. Usually a search in the birth index, covering a period not exceeding 5 years, will be made but only where accurate details have been given of the birth registration. If a wider search is required it is necessary for the applicant or someone on his/her behalf to make a GENERAL SEARCH in the indexes. For further information see below and then make enquiries of the Superintendent Registrar.

### GENERAL SEARCHES AT A SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The indexes in a Superintendent Registrar's office relate only to births, marriages and deaths which occurred within the Superintendent Registrar's district.

A GENERAL SEARCH is a search in the indexes conducted in person by the applicant or someone on his/her behalf during any number of successive hours not exceeding six. By arrangement with the Superintendent Registrar a person making a GENERAL SEARCH may have access to the indexes to the registers of births, marriages and deaths but not to the registers themselves. A certificate of any entry identified may be obtained on completion of an application form and on payment of the appropriate fee.

If a person making a GENERAL SEARCH is uncertain whether a reference found in the indexes relates to the entry for which he/she is searching, the Superintendent Registrar, on being given definite details by which the entry may be identified, will verify those particulars by reference to the register. Any additional information from the entry can only be made available in the form of a certificate.