



THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND
DEATHS ACT 1937 (REPEALED)**

2020 REVISED EDITION

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Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1937 (Repealed)

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. (Repealed)
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(This Act has been repealed.)

[1 July 1938]

(Repealed)

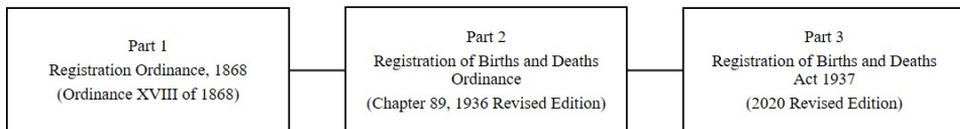
1. (This Act was repealed by Act 17 of 2021 with effect from 29/05/2022).

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1937 (REPEALED)

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PICTORIAL OVERVIEW OF PREDECESSOR ACTS



LEGISLATIVE HISTORY DETAILS

PART 1

REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, 1868 (ORDINANCE XVIII OF 1868)

1. Ordinance XVIII of 1868 — Registration Ordinance, 1868

Bill	:	Information not available
First and Second Readings	:	31 October 1868
Notice of Amendments	:	12 November 1868
Third Reading	:	12 November 1868
Commencement	:	12 November 1868 (passed)

PART 2

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 89, 1936 REVISED EDITION)

2. Ordinance III of 1897 — The Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance 1897

Bill	:	G.N. No. 206/1897
First Reading	:	18 March 1897
Second Reading	:	1 April 1897
Notice of Amendments	:	29 April 1897
Third Reading	:	29 April 1897
Commencement	:	1 July 1898

3. Ordinance IX of 1897 — The Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 1897

Bill	:	G.N. No. 574/1897
First Reading	:	19 August 1897
Second Reading	:	26 August 1897
Third Reading	:	16 September 1897
Commencement	:	1 July 1898

4. Ordinance XXIV of 1908 — The Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance 1897 Amendment Ordinance 1908

Bill	:	G.N. No. 624/1908
First Reading	:	17 July 1908
Second Reading	:	7 August 1908
Notice of Amendments	:	6 November 1908
Third Reading	:	13 November 1908
Commencement	:	20 November 1908

5. 1920 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 59 (Registration of Births and Deaths)

Operation	:	28 November 1921
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6. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 59 (Registration of Births and Deaths)

Operation	:	1 August 1926
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7. Ordinance 7 of 1928 — Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1928

Bill	:	G.N. No. 87/1928
First Reading	:	30 January 1928
Second and Third Readings	:	26 March 1928
Commencement	:	18 April 1928

8. 1936 Revised Edition — Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance (Chapter 89)

Operation	:	1 September 1936
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PART 3
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1937
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9. Ordinance 34 of 1937 — Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance, 1937

Bill	:	G.N. No. 2646/1937
First Reading	:	25 October 1937
Second Reading	:	17 November 1937
Notice of Amendments	:	17 November 1937
Third Reading	:	17 November 1937
Commencement	:	1 July 1938

Note: This Ordinance was amended by the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1938 (Ordinance 10 of 1938) before it came into force.

10. Ordinance 46 of 1940 — Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1940

Bill	:	G.N. No. 2500/1940
First Reading	:	26 August 1940
Second and Third Readings	:	14 October 1940
Commencement	:	28 October 1940

11. Ordinance 22 of 1946 — Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1946

Bill	:	G.N. No. S 80/1946
First, Second and Third Readings	:	25 July 1946
Commencement	:	31 July 1946

12. Ordinance 7 of 1949 — Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1949

Bill	:	G.N. No. S 44/1949
First Reading	:	15 February 1949
Second and Third Readings	:	15 March 1949
Commencement	:	29 March 1949

**13. Ordinance 37 of 1952 — Law Revision (Penalties Amendment)
Ordinance, 1952**

(Amendments made by section 2 read with item 85 of the Schedule to the above Ordinance)

Bill	:	32/1952
First Reading	:	16 September 1952
Second and Third Readings	:	14 October 1952
Commencement	:	30 April 1955 (section 2 read with item 85 of the Schedule)

**14. 1955 Revised Edition — Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance
(Chapter 47)**

Operation	:	1 July 1956
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**15. Ordinance 14 of 1956 — Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment)
Ordinance, 1955**

Bill	:	45/1956
First Reading	:	7 March 1956
Second and Third Readings	:	4 April 1956
Commencement	:	1 August 1956

**16. G.N. No. S 223/1959 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws)
Order, 1959**

Commencement	:	3 June 1959
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**17. G.N. No. S (N.S.) 67/1959 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of
Laws) (No. 2) Order 1959**

Commencement	:	21 August 1959
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18. Ordinance 71 of 1959 — Transfer of Powers Ordinance, 1959

(Amendments made by section 4 read with the First Schedule to the above Ordinance)

Bill	:	30/1959
First Reading	:	22 September 1959
Second and Third Readings	:	11 November 1959
Commencement	:	20 November 1959 (section 4 read with the First Schedule)

19. Ordinance 72 of 1959 — Transfer of Powers (No. 2) Ordinance, 1959
(Amendments made by section 2 read with the First Schedule to the above Ordinance)

Bill	:	31/1959
First Reading	:	22 September 1959
Second Reading	:	11 November 1959
Notice of Amendments	:	11 November 1959
Third Reading	:	11 November 1959
Commencement	:	20 November 1959 (section 2 read with the First Schedule)

20. G.N. No. S (N.S.) 179/1959 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) (No. 5) Order, 1959

Commencement	:	20 November 1959
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21. 1970 Revised Edition — Registration of Births and Deaths Act (Chapter 46)

Operation	:	1 March 1971
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22. Act 21 of 1979 — Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 1979

Bill	:	21/1979
First Reading	:	15 May 1979
Second and Third Readings	:	7 September 1979
Commencement	:	5 October 1979

23. 1985 Revised Edition — Registration of Births and Deaths Act (Chapter 267)

Operation	:	30 March 1987
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24. Act 7 of 1997 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997
(Amendments made by section 7 read with item (27) of the Second Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	6/1997
First Reading	:	11 July 1997
Second and Third Readings	:	25 August 1997
Commencement	:	1 October 1997 (section 7 read with item (27) of the Second Schedule)

25. Act 46 of 1999 — Nurses and Midwives Act 1999

(Amendments made by section 51 read with item (3) of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	38/1999
First Reading	:	11 October 1999
Second and Third Readings	:	24 November 1999
Commencement	:	1 May 2000 (section 51 read with item (3) of the Schedule)

26. Act 14 of 2010 — Coroners Act 2010

(Amendments made by section 50 read with item 5 of the Fourth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	10/2010
First Reading	:	26 April 2010
Second and Third Readings	:	19 May 2010
Commencement	:	2 January 2011 (section 50 read with item 5 of the Fourth Schedule)

27. Act 15 of 2010 — Criminal Procedure Code 2010

(Amendments made by section 430 read with item 86 of the Sixth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	11/2010
First Reading	:	26 April 2010
Second Reading	:	18 May 2010
Third Reading	:	19 May 2010
Commencement	:	2 January 2011 (section 430 read with item 86 of the Sixth Schedule)

28. Act 16 of 2013 — Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013

(Amendments made by section 18 of the above Act)

Bill	:	12/2013
First Reading	:	8 July 2013
Second and Third Readings	:	12 August 2013
Commencement	:	1 October 2014 (section 18)

29. Act 32 of 2016 — National Registration (Amendment) Act 2016
(Amendments made by section 16 of the above Act)

Bill	:	32/2016
First Reading	:	10 October 2016
Second and Third Readings	:	10 November 2016
Commencement	:	1 January 2017 (section 16)

30. Act 30 of 2019 — Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Act 2019
(Amendments made by section 72 of the above Act)

Bill	:	22/2019
First Reading	:	5 August 2019
Second Reading	:	3 September 2019
Third Reading	:	4 September 2019
Commencement	:	1 July 2020 (section 72)

31. 2020 Revised Edition — Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1937

Operation	:	31 December 2021
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32. Act 17 of 2021 — Registration of Births and Deaths Act 2021
(Amendments made by the above Act)

Date of First Reading	:	10 May 2021 (Bill No. 13/2021 published on 10 May 2021)
Second and Third Readings	:	6 July 2021
Date of Commencement	:	29 May 2022