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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1988 No. 687**

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,  
MARRIAGES, ETC. ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh  
Language) (Amendment) Regulations 1988

*Made* - - - - 31st March 1988  
*Coming into force* - - 4th April 1988

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by sections 14A, 39 and 41 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953(1), as extended by section 2(2) of the Welsh Language Act 1967(2), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Wales(3), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) (Amendment) Regulations 1988 and shall come into force on 4th April 1988.

(2) In these Regulations “the main Regulations” means the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987(4).

**Insertion of regulation 4A in the main Regulations**

2. After regulation 4 of the main Regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:—

**“Re-registration, after declaration of parentage or legitimacy, of birth occurring in Wales**

**4A.** Where under section 14A of the Act the Registrar General authorises the relevant registrar to re-register a birth that occurred in Wales, then provided that:—

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(1) 1953 c. 20; section 14A was inserted by section 26 of the Family Law Reform Act 1987 (c. 42); see definitions of “prescribed” and “the Minister” in section 41.  
(2) 1967 c. 66.  
(3) The approval of the Secretary of State is required to the exercise of the power conferred by section 14A of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, see section 39 of that Act, and article 2 of the Secretary of State for Social Services Order (S.I. 1968/1699) which transferred all functions of the Minister of Health to the Secretary of State.  
(4) S.I. 1987/2089.

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- (a) a qualified informant elects for the particulars required by regulation 26A of the principal Regulations<sup>(5)</sup> to be entered in Welsh as well as English, and
- (b) the informant gives the particulars referred to in regulation 26A(a) of the principal Regulations in Welsh personally to the relevant registrar, and
- (c) the relevant registrar can understand and write Welsh,

the relevant registrar shall:—

- (i) enter the particulars referred to in regulation 26A(a) in Welsh as well as English;
- (ii) enter particulars of the informant in spaces 11 to 13 in Welsh as well as English;
- (iii) call upon the informant to verify the particulars entered and to sign the entry in space 14;
- (iv) enter the words required by regulation 26A(b) of the principal Regulations and regulation 3 of these Regulations (those words being entered in spaces 11 to 14 as required by regulation 26A(b) of the principal Regulations in addition to any particulars entered in those spaces by virtue of paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of this regulation);
- (v) draw a line through any unused space;
- (vi) enter in space 15 the date on which the entry is made and sign the entry in space 16, adding his official description.”.

### Amendment to Schedule 3 to the main Regulations

3. In Schedule 3 of the main Regulations after the entry relating to regulation 23(b) there shall be inserted the following entries in columns (1), (2) and (3) respectively:—

“(1) Regulations	(2) Form of words required	(3) Welsh version
Reg. 26A(b)(i) Pursuant to section 14A of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 on the authority of the Registrar General	Yn unol ag adran 14A Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 dan awdurdod y Cofrestrydd Cyffredinol	
Reg. 26A(b)(ii)	On the authority of the Registrar General	Dan awdurdod y Cofrestrydd Cyffredinol
Reg. 26C(b)	Re-registered under section 14A of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953	Ail-gofrestrwyd dan adran 14A Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953”

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(5) S.I. 1987/2088, see regulation 1(2)(b) of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/2089). The relevant instrument amending the Registration of Births and Deaths Regulations 1987 is the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/638).

Given under my hand on 25th March 1988

*G. T. Banks*  
Registrar General

I approve

31st March

*Peter Walker*  
Secretary of Wales

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Registration of Births and Deaths (Welsh Language) Regulations 1987 (the main Regulations).

Regulation 2 inserts regulation 4A in the main Regulations to provide a procedure for the entering in Welsh as well as in English of particulars of a birth in Wales which is re-registered following a declaration of parentage or legitimacy under section 56 of the Family Law Act 1986 (c. 55).

Regulation 3 makes consequential amendments to Schedule 3 of the main Regulations (Welsh version of required form of words).

### NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(Nid yw'r nodyn hwn yn rhan o'r Rheolau)

Mae'r rheolau hyn yn newid Rheolau Cofrestru Genedigaethau a Marwolaethau (Yr Iaith Gymraeg) 1987 (y prif Reolau).

Mae rheol 2 yn cynnwys rheol 4A yn y prif Reolau i ddarparu trefn weithredu ar gyfer cofnodi, yn Gymraeg yn ogystal ag yn Saesneg, fanylion genedigaeth yng Nghymru a ail-gofrestrir yn dilyn datganiad ynghylch rhieni neu gyfreithlonrwydd o dan adran 56 Deddf Cyfraith y Teulu 1986.

Mae rheol 3 yn gwneud newidiadau dilynol yn Atodiad 3 y prif Reolau (fersiwn Cymraeg ffurf ofynnol y geiriau).