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Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Amendment Act 2015

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Commencement see section 2

Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Amendment Act 2015: repealed, on 15 June 2023, pursuant to section 146 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021 (2021 No 57).

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Amendment Act 2015.

Note

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

Note 4 at the end of this version provides a list of the amendments included in it.

This Act is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995 (the **principal Act**).

4 Section 21A amended (Application for registration of name change)

- (1) Replace section 21A(2) with:
- (2) A person applying for registration of a name change must—
 - (a) complete the standard form and provide it to the Registrar-General; and
 - (b) pay the prescribed fee (if any); and
 - (c) deposit 1 of the following with the Registrar-General:
 - (i) a statutory declaration made, in accordance with subsection (3), by an eligible person or the guardian of an eligible person (accompanied by the eligible person's written consent if the eligible person is 16 years of age or older and the application was made by the eligible person's guardian); or
 - (ii) a deed poll executed before 1 September 1995, evidencing any change in the eligible person's names; or
 - (iii) a copy of a deed poll executed and filed in an office of the High Court before 1 September 1995 and certified by a Registrar of the court in which it was filed.
- (2) In section 21A(3), replace “subsection (2)(a)” with “subsection (2)(c)(i)”.
- (3) After section 21A(3), insert:
 - (3A) The Registrar-General may require a person before whom the statutory declaration referred to in subsection (2)(c)(i) is made—
 - (a) to verify the identity of the eligible person or the guardian of the eligible person, or both, in a manner specified by the Registrar-General; and
 - (b) to state whether he or she is satisfied of the identity of the eligible person or the guardian of the eligible person, or both.
- (4) In section 21A(4), replace “deposited with” with “provided to”.
- (5) After section 21A(4), insert:
 - (4A) The Registrar-General may require a person applying for registration of a name change to provide, with the standard form referred to in subsection (2)(a) or separately, any means of identification that is reasonably necessary to confirm the identity of the eligible person or the guardian of the eligible person, or both.
- (6) In section 21A(5), replace “deposited under subsection (4)” with “provided under subsection (4) or (4A)”.

Notes

1 *General*

This is a consolidation of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Amendment Act 2015 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 *Legal status*

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation*

Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021 (2021 No 57): section 146