



Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

1953 CHAPTER 20

PART I

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

1 Particulars of births to be registered

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, the birth of every child born in England or Wales shall be registered by the registrar of births and deaths for the sub-district in which the child was born by entering in a register kept for that sub-district such particulars concerning the birth as may be prescribed; and different registers shall be kept and different particulars may be prescribed for live-births and still-births respectively:

Provided that, where a living new-born child is found exposed and no information as to the place of birth is available, the birth shall be registered by the registrar of births and deaths for the sub-district in which the child is found.

- (2) The following persons shall be qualified to give information concerning a birth, that is to say—
- (a) the father and mother of the child ;
 - (b) the occupier of the house in which the child was to the knowledge of that occupier born ;
 - (c) any person present at the birth ;
 - (d) any person having charge of the child.