



Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Amendment Act 2001

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Amendment Act 2001.
- (2) In this Act, the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Act 1995 is called “the principal Act”.

2 Commencement

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

3 New section 78A inserted

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 78, the following section:

“78A Disclosure of birth information, death information, and marriage information to certain specified agencies for certain purposes

- “(1) The purpose of this section is to authorise the disclosure of birth information, death information, and marriage information to certain specified agencies for certain purposes.
- “(2) The Registrar-General and the chief executive of a specified agency listed in the first column of Schedule 1A may enter into an agreement for the disclosure by the Registrar-General to the chief executive of any information described in the second column of that schedule in relation to the specified agency only for the purpose described in the third column of that schedule in relation to the information.
- “(3) An agreement entered into under subsection (2) may be varied by the Registrar-General and the chief executive.
- “(4) The Registrar-General may disclose birth information, death information, and marriage information to the chief executive only in accordance with Schedule 1A and an agreement entered into under subsection (2).
- “(5) In this section, **specified agency** has the meaning given to it by section 97 of the Privacy Act 1993.”

4 New Schedule 1A inserted

The principal Act is amended by inserting, before the First Schedule, the Schedule 1A set out in the Schedule.

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Marriages Registration Act 1995

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Schedule 1A
Disclosure of information to specified agencies

Specified agency	Type of information	Purpose
Department for Courts	Marriage information	To verify a fine defaulter's change of name
	Death information	To— (a) remove the names of deceased persons from jury lists: (b) remit or enforce payment of fines owed by deceased persons
Department of Internal Affairs	Birth information, marriage information, and death information	To verify whether a person is eligible— (a) to hold a New Zealand passport: (b) for New Zealand citizenship
Department of Inland Revenue	Birth information and marriage information	To verify the identity of a person to establish— (a) the tax file number of the person: (b) the details of an applicant for child support
	Death information	To identify deceased taxpayers and verify their details
Land Transport Safety Authority of New Zealand	Birth information	To verify details supplied by an applicant for a driver licence
	Marriage information	To verify the change of name of the holder of a driver licence
	Death information	To identify deceased holders of driver licences
Department of Labour	Birth information	To verify— (a) a person's citizenship status: (b) a person's entitlement to reside in New Zealand

Schedule 1A—continued

Specified agency	Type of information	Purpose
	Marriage information	To verify the marriage of a person to a New Zealand citizen
	Death information	To identify deceased holders of limited term permits or visas
Department of Work and Income	Birth information, marriage information, and death information	To verify a person's eligibility or continuing eligibility for benefits, war pensions, grants, loans, or allowances

Legislative history

20 September 2001	Divided from Statutes Amendment Bill (Bill 97–2), third reading
26 September 2001	Royal assent

This Act is administered in the Department of Internal Affairs.
