

Act on the Personal Status Registration (1976) (Excerpts)

Article 12 - The birth of any infant in Iran, regardless of whether the parents have Iranian or foreign nationality, must be notified to the representative, or to the officials of the Personal Status Registry Office. The birth of infants of Iranian nationals residing abroad must be notified to Consular officials of Iran in the foreign country of residence. In case such officials are not available at the place of residence, the notification shall be made to the nearest consular officials or to the Organization of Personal Status Registry of the country.

Article 13 - The representative or the official of the Personal Status Registry Office in Iran and the Consular officials of Iran outside the country, shall register the birth of any minor in the Main Register of Status. The following information must be entered into this Register:

1. Hour, day, month, year, and place of birth, province, city, district, village, and date of the birth registration.
2. Name, family name and the gender of the holder of the document.
3. Name, family name, identity card number or the number of the residence permit or passport, and the place of issuance of the identity card or residence permit or passport, and the place of residence of the parents.
4. Name, family name, place of residence and the number of the identity card and the place of issuance of the identity card and the relationship of the person who registers the birth, if such a person is a person other than the parents of the holder of the document.
5. Name, family name, identity card number and place of issuance of the identity card and the place of residence of witnesses.
6. Name, family name and signature of the representative or the official and the seal of the Personal Status Registry Office.
7. The number and serial code of the special page of the Main Register of Status.
8. A special place for registration of the classification number of the fingerprints of the document's holder.
9. A special place for registration, and a summary of information about the marriage and divorce or death of the spouse.

10. A special place for registration of the number and serial code of the identity card issued.
11. A special place for registration of summary information about the infant.
12. A special place for registration of the death of the individual.
13. Explanations (if any).

Note - After registration of the birth, if the minor is of Iranian nationality, the identity card shall be issued and delivered, and notification shall be sent to the branch of the Personal Status Registry Office of the place where the identity booklet of either of the parents was issued, so that the birth can be registered in the Main Register of Status on the page specified for the parents. If the minor is a foreigner, only the birth certificate shall be issued and delivered.

Article 15 - Registration of a birth must be based on the declaration issued by the doctor or the official obstetrician or by the authorities of the establishment in which the minor was born. In other cases, birth of the minor shall be registered by affirmations of two witnesses.

Note - The legal time limit for birth notification is fifteen days from the date of birth of the infant. The date of birth and also an official holiday which falls after the last day of such a period shall not be included in the time limit. If the birth takes place during a journey on land, at sea or in the air, the time limit for birth notification shall start from the date of arrival at the destination.

Article 17 - If the parents of the minor are unknown, the document shall be formulated without the family names of the parents but with the names presumed to be those of the parents. The correction of presumed names, or the completion of identity details shall take place by instrument of a letter of confession, mentioned in Article 1273 of the Civil Code of Iran or by a judgment issued by a court, or with a certificate for enumeration of heirs. The family name shall be corrected in accordance with the rules relating to family names. It shall not be indicated in the identity card that the names of the parents are only presumed.

Article 22 - The death of any person, whether Iranian or foreign, and also the birth of a still-born infant, or one who dies immediately after birth, must be notified to the official or the representative of the Personal Status Registry Office. The death of Iranians outside the country shall be notified to consular officials of the place of residence, or to the nearest consular officials or to the Organization for Personal Status Registry of the country. The officials or representatives of the Personal Status Registry Office shall register the death of Iranians and foreigners residing in Iran. The death of Iranians outside the country, according to the place of notification, shall be registered either by consular officials of Iran or by the officials or representatives of the Personal Status

Registry Office. The death must be registered in a certificate for death registration and in the Main Register of Status on the pages relating to the deceased and the deceased's parents, and also in the identity card of the deceased. These registrations must be signed and sealed. The death of foreigners, after being registered, shall be notified to the district police office and a copy of the death certificate shall be sent to the Organization for Personal Status Registry or shall be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Note - The death certificate shall be delivered to any person who requests it.

Article 37 - As soon as the Organization for Personal Status Registry receives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a declaration of denunciation of nationality or the deprivation of a person's nationality, it is required to register the denunciation or the deprivation of nationality in the relevant documents and registers, and must also cancel the identity card.

Article 45 - If any doubt exists about the identity and the nationality of individuals and the necessary documents are not presented to prove the identity or the nationality, in order to establish the identity, the case shall be referred to the police department and in order to establish the nationality, the case shall be referred to the security council of the city. If the identity or the nationality is established, appropriate measures shall be taken in accordance with the relevant regulations.