

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

No. 24 of 1980

An Ordinance to amend the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Ordinance 1963*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated this seventeenth day of July 1980.

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

R. ELLICOTT
Minister of State for the Capital Territory

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Ordinance 1980*.¹

Principal Ordinance

2. In this Ordinance, "Principal Ordinance" means the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Ordinance 1963*.²

Interpretation

3. Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting "twenty weeks" from paragraph (a) of the definition of "child" in sub-section (1) and substituting "22 weeks"; and
- (b) by omitting "four hundred grammes" from paragraph (b) of that definition and substituting "500 grammes".

Medical Certificate of cause of child not being born alive

4. Section 24 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-section:

“(2) The matters concerning a child not born alive that are referred to in paragraph (1) (a), in relation to a Medical Certificate of the Cause of a Child not being Born Alive, are—

- (a) the full name and address of the medical practitioner signing the certificate;
- (b) the full name, age and usual place of residence of the mother of the child;
- (c) the date and place of birth of the child;
- (d) the sex of the child;
- (e) whether or not the birth was a multiple birth;
- (f) the weight of the child at birth;
- (g) the period of gestation of the child expressed in weeks and calculated, if possible, having regard to the first day of the last menstrual period of the mother occurring before the conception of the child;
- (h) the disease or condition of the child that was the cause of the child not being born alive;
 - (i) any other disease or condition of the child;
 - (j) any disease or condition of the mother of the child that was the cause of the child not being born alive;
- (k) any other disease or condition of the mother of the child affecting the child;
 - (l) the nature of the delivery of the child;
- (m) whether or not the mother of the child was attended by a medical practitioner or registered nurse during the birth of the child;
- (n) whether or not the medical practitioner signing the certificate was present at the birth of the child, saw the body of the child after the birth or attended the mother of the child before the birth;
- (o) whether the death of the child occurred before labour commenced or during labour;
- (p) if the death of the child occurred before the time when labour commenced, approximately how long before that time the death occurred;
- (q) what signs of life were present after the complete expulsion or extraction of the child from its mother;
- (r) the number of occasions on which the mother of the child was attended by a medical practitioner before the birth of the child in relation to her pregnancy;
- (s) the number of previous pregnancies of the mother of the child; and
- (t) whether the last previous pregnancy of the mother of the child terminated in the birth of a child born alive, in a still-birth or in an abortion and the date on which that pregnancy terminated.”.

Certificate of death to be furnished by medical practitioner

5. Section 34 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-paragraph (3) (c) (i) “paragraphs (a) to (f) (inclusive) of sub-section (2) of section twenty-four of this Ordinance” and substituting “paragraphs (a) to (t) (inclusive) of sub-section 24 (2)”; and
 - (b) by omitting from sub-paragraph (3) (c) (ii) “twenty-four hours” and substituting “24 hours”.
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NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 24 July 1980.
2. Ordinance No. 17, 1963 as amended by No. 19, 1966; No. 47, 1974; No. 29, 1975; Nos. 18, 50 and 58, 1977; No. 17, 1979.